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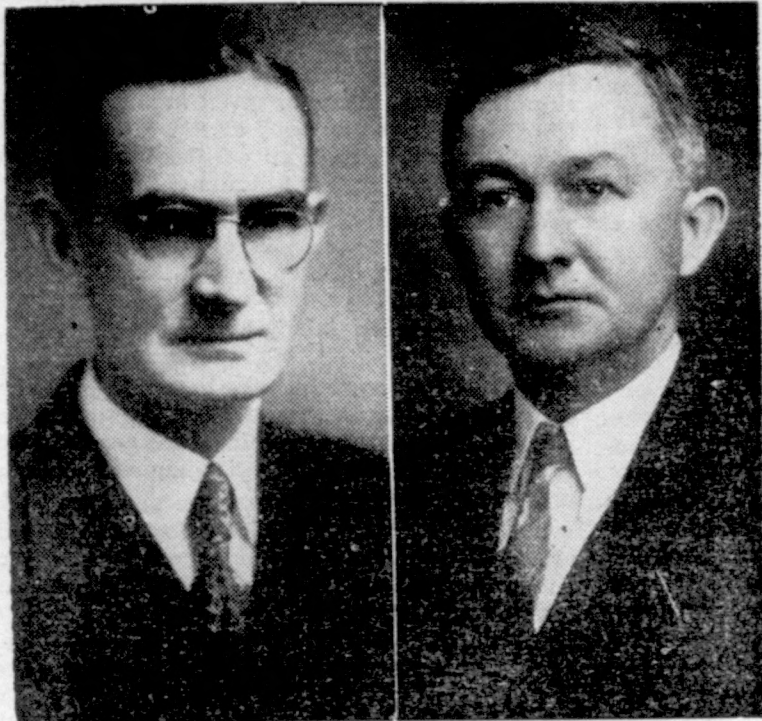
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TO SPEAK AT BLUE MOUNTAIN GRADUATION



Blue Mountain, Mississippi, May 14—Dr. Webb Brame, (left), pastor of First Baptist Church, Yazoo City, who will preach the baccalaureate sermon, May 31, at Blue Mountain College; and Dr. Guy T. Gillespie, president of Belhaven College, Jackson, who will give the commencement address, June 1.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Walton E. Lee

(Continued from Last Week)
Sunday Night Sessions

This session was given to a consideration of Baptist Training Union and to a Home Mission Rally. The Training Union hour was under the direction of Secretary J. E. Lambdin. Chester L. Quarles spoke on Training From the Standpoint of the Association; Dr. Clay I. Hudson spoke on Training the Adults. The Young People's Training was discussed by Allen Graves; the Intermediates and Juniors were discussed by Misses Elaine Coleman and Frances Whitworth, respectively. This period closed with an address by Dr. Perry Webb on "My Church Accepts Today's Training Imperative." Dr. Webb, pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Antonio, is an outstanding Training Union pastor of the South and he spoke out of his own experience.

Home Board Rally

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, secretary of the Home Mission Board, was in charge. The employees of the Board, including some of the missionaries on the different fields, were introduced and spoke informally on the work.

From the printed report of the Home Board to the Convention, the following items are culled:

Confidence has been restored in the Home Mission Board. The integrity of the Board as a functioning agency of the denomination has been permanently established and the credit of the Board in the commercial world raised to par. Our receipts are increasing and our mission work is being gradually enlarged. In 1934, the low year of the depression for Home Missions, we were happy to report 193 missionaries. Today we can report 422 missionaries working in 819 mission stations.

We are doing this and paying our debt. In 1928, the Home Board reported to the Convention a debt of \$1,617,992. In the fall of that year the tragic disaster occurred in which a trusted officer was discovered to be in default to the amount of \$906,000. This raised the debt of the Home Board to more than \$2,500,000. In the Honor Day offering Southern Baptists gave \$397,444.23, reducing the debt to \$2,200,000. On February 1, 1942, the Board refinanced its debt on a 2½% interest basis, giving open notes to the bank without security or commitments of any kind and reducing the debt at that time to \$495,000. It is believed the debt will be paid by July, 1943.

During the past year we have added 31 missionaries to our force; opened 64 mission stations; constituted 13 new churches; our missionaries distributed 17,258 Bibles and Testaments; they preached approximately 35,000 sermons and led more than 7,000 people to accept Christ as Saviour and received into the fellowship of the churches 2,863.

We are today preaching the gospel to the Indians, the Mexicans, the Spanish Americans, the Jews, the Italians, the French, the Cubans, the Chinese, the Russians, the underprivileged in the crowded industrial sections and slums of the cities; in the neglected mountain areas, to the millions of Negroes in the homeland and carrying Christ to the camps in our service to and with the chaplains. We have begun a city mission department. We have also begun a work in the revitalization of the country church.

Monday Morning Session

Chaplains

Dr. A. E. Carpenter, at the head of the Baptist religious work in the camps, had on the platform many of the chaplains in attendance at the Convention. Chief Chaplain Cohey addressed the Convention on behalf of his fellows, speaking of the heroic service these camp pastors are rendering. An earnest appeal was made by Dr. Carpenter

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PLAN REVEALED FOR STATEWIDE EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

Mississippi Baptists are rapidly completing plans for the greatest Statewide Evangelistic Crusade in their history, according to D. A. McCall, Director of Evangelism.

The date has been set for Sunday, January 24-Sunday, April 18, 1943. This is a period of twelve weeks. The State Evangelistic Conference at Clinton will precede the Crusade by one week. The date for the Conference is January 18-21, 1943.

The purpose of the Statewide Evangelistic Crusade as set forth by the Evangelistic Committees is four-fold, as follows:

1. To lead Christian people to a full surrender to Christ.
2. To set the saved to work.
3. To strengthen His church.
4. To work toward winning to Christ the 700,000 lost persons above ten years of age in Mississippi.

The plan calls for starting the Crusade on the Coast, conducting simultaneous campaigns in all the churches of six associations each week, as the movement works toward the Tennessee line.

Under PREPARATION AND WORK, the Evangelistic Committees listed the following items:

1. Associational consideration and organization.
2. Consideration before State Convention.
3. Association census.
4. Study Course in Soul-Winning in each church.
5. Organization of an "Andrew Club" in each church.
6. Committees: (1) Publicity, (2) Census, (3) Finance, (4) Transportation, (5) Prayer meetings, (6) Entertainment.

7. Each church to select its own help several months in advance of the meeting.

As to the Plan of Services, an association-wide Sunday afternoon meeting will be held, start—
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BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE B. S. U. OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED

On Sunday night, May 3, the B. S. U. officers for the year 1942-43 were installed at the regular Sunday night service.

The theme of the service was "Christian Discipleship." "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." John 15:8.

Miss Lucy Carlton Wilds, student secretary, presented the new officers. As each one came forward they received from the old officer a symbol of their particular work which was given after a brief dedication by the old officer.

After the presentation of the council, talks were made by Miss Jessie Davis, president for the past year, and Miss Ellen Edens, president for the coming year. Dr. L. A. Stevens brought the message, "Paying the Price of Christian Discipleship."

Dr. Stevens is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Brownsville, Tennessee.—Virginia Jenkins, reporter.

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The Bible is different from all other books; it excuses no man, and condemns every man.

REVIVAL AT MISSISSIPPI SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Our annual revival meeting began at Mississippi Southern College Sunday night, May 10, running through Thursday night. D. A. (Scotch) McCall brought some wonderful messages on the last week of Jesus' life and gospel ministry.

Brother McCall helped in our annual revival in the spring of 1939 and so endeared himself to the hearts of the faculty and student body that we asked him to make us the second visit. We feel that no man has ever visited M. S. C. campus who has brought us any stronger messages. He literally swept our campus for Christ both times he was with us. The last night of the meeting scores of students stood up as a witness for Christ, dedicating their lives to Him.

The visitor spoke to many group meetings, held private conferences, and spoke twice over WFOR, the Hattiesburg radio station, on the regular Ministerial League Program, and one day and night he spoke six times. He has been a blessing to our campus, and we are looking forward to his future visits.—C. S. Moulder, B. S. U. Secretary, M. S. C.

Sparks and Splinters

Napoleon Baptist Church will observe its regular Home Coming day on May 31. All of our former pastors, members and friends are invited to come and be with us that day. We will have dinner on the ground.—J. W. Odom.

"Baptists Building in Brazil," is the young people's book in the 1942 Foreign Mission Graded Series on South America. Dr. A. Ben Oliver, a Texan, and for six years an evangelist in Brazil, is the author. He gives us a glimpse of the land, its people, its early colonization, our Baptist beginning and the early work of other denominations. It is well worth reading. The Broadman Press is the publisher; the price fifty cents and seventy-five cents, and it may be purchased from your Baptist Book Store.

BETHANY CHURCH: We believe it is a true saying that "All is well that ends well." And all ends well for those who love and trust God. The church has been painted on the outside during the past week and plans have been made to add five Sunday school rooms and repaint the inside. Come to our church and see for yourselves that we have a noble young pastor, whose name is Tom Douglas, and five worthy deacons. Memorial sermon will be preached by a young Mississippi College student. Never before has the world needed more faith and earnest prayer, and when we as a united people, humble ourselves before God this war will be won through the glorious guidance of Jesus Christ. We find in I Cor. 13:13, "And now abideth faith, hope, charity (love), these three, but the greatest of these is love."—Mrs. C. W. Reynolds.

Bethseda church (Jefferson county) recently enjoyed a spiritual feast. Rev. John Carter and Rev. Jesse Young, students at Clarke College, led in a youth revival.—James E. Drane, pastor.

Wildwood Baptist Church of Louise had a Mother's Day offering of \$2.76, which was sent to the Orphanage. And on Easter Sunday they contributed \$8.15 for soldier work.

The ten days following Easter Dr. Charles A. Maddry, of the Leigh Street Church, Richmond, and Felix Arnold, pastor at Boykins, Virginia, assisted Pastor R. D. Stephenson, of the Franklin Baptist Church, in a ten-day meeting. Dr. Maddry speaks in highest terms of the kind hospitality of the people. The pastor, Mr. Stephenson, will celebrate his twentieth year as pastor of the church the first of June this year. Few pastors, according to the Leigh Street pastor, are held in such high esteem as "Parson" Stephenson. The town is unusual, too. They do not even have a liquor store. And when Mississippi allowed Felix Arnold to come to Virginia, it lost one of the best choir directors and tenor soloists, as well as pastor and fellow-worker that the state every produced. There were between 15 and 20 who joined the church, most of them for baptism.—Religious Herald. (Felix Arnold is a Shannon, Miss., boy. He will lead the singing at First Church, Corinth, June 1-10.)

Calvary Church, Jackson, will honor their high school and college graduates next Sunday at the morning service.

Recent visitors to The Baptist Record office include the following: Rev. R. E. Eddleman, Clinton; Dr. Dot Nelson, Vinton, N. C.; Dr. J. M. Cook, Scooby; Rev. Thomas F. Harvey, Atlanta, Ga.; W. F. Compree, Belzoni; Rev. J. R. Reedy, Eupora; Rev. B. E. Phillips, Newhebron; Chaplain O'Briant, Parchman; Dr. P. I. Lipsey, Clinton; Rev. D. I. Young, Yazoo City; Rev. E. D. Estes, Clinton; Mrs. L. M. Lott, Jackson; Rev. Guy Little, Pinola; Rev. W. H. Wood, Brandon; J. H. Williams, Pinola.

GREENVILLE: Second Baptist Church is progressing nicely in our work, under the leadership of Rev. J. R. Eubanks. We had three new members last night, all of them adults. One of these new members was a soldier, who came on profession of faith. We are still worshipping in the Sunday school rooms, but hope to be in our new building soon.—D. J. Norris.

"I can't put a tire on an automobile," said the minister.

"But," spoke up his wife, "you know how to put a tire on an audience."

INTERNAL MISSIONARIES REPORT IMPROVED CONDITIONS

Living Conditions in Stanley: J. Arthur Duff, who escaped from Hong Kong in January, has sent us the following memorandum on the subject of conditions at Stanley:

"The conditions under which the internees live cannot be called pleasant or comfortable, but I believe they have considerably improved as regards the civilian internees now detained on the Stanley peninsula. There were substantial and modern buildings on Stanley including barracks, officers' quarters, hospital, school and other buildings and it is my understanding that internees are residing in these quarters. The water supply will be good and the locality generally clean and pleasant and the outlook in all directions would be over the sea to small islands lying off the coast."

Letter from Chengchow: We quote a part of a letter dated January 30th from Miss Katie Murray in Chengchow, Honan, to Mrs. A. S. Gillespie: "All of us missionaries here are well, comfortable, and O. K. We live in our homes as usual, have plenty to eat and can travel anywhere within the city. Our Baptist Seminary (school for preachers) is going right along. I am well, hearty, and busy teaching and preaching. We are being treated nicely and courteously."

"Our hearts gave thanks to God that the Japanese withdrew from Chengchow October 31. They were here four weeks and as citizens of a neutral county we were held twice a day. Some were saved and others filled with the Spirit."

"The work goes on as usual for the opportunities are great."

Excerpts From Committee on East Asia Report

"Repatriation of American citizens: Dr. M. S. Bates was in Washington on Friday morning, April 17th, in consultation with government officials regarding possible repatriation of American citizens in Japanese-occupied territories, and brings us the following report:

"If you have been highly pessimistic about possible exchange of civilians interned or detained by the Japanese, you can now cheer up a little. If you have been hopeful of prompt and general return of our friends held in the Far East, you'd better raise your sights for longer range."

"It appears from Japanese and Axis radio messages, confirmed in the case of Kulangsu (Amoy) by a mission message from adjacent free territory, that the Japanese are gathering Americans from Manchuria, from Thailand, and from certain points in South China and Hongkong, in preparation for the exchange. This does not necessarily include all Americans from the areas named. The same sources indicate that a ship will be started from

EUPORA: It was a joy to be with Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Reedy in Eupora for a week of special services. Interest grew deeper to the last.—O. P. Estes.

PARCHMAN: We appreciate the magazines and reading matter sent to us for the prisoners, but we would be so glad if you will send us any additional reading matter or let us know about it and we will manager to pick it up.—A. L. O'Briant, chaplain.

Rev. D. W. Moulder writes us that they began their revival on May 4, having night services only. Rev. B. E. Massey of Laurel preached to large crowds throughout the week. There were seven additions to the church, six of these being by baptism.

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Mission Ship Sunk in Java Sea—Word has reached the International Missionary Council that during the evacuation of the Netherlands Indies a ship which was taking interned German missionaries and other prisoners of war to India was attacked and sunk by Japanese bombers shortly after leaving Sumatra. The preliminary list of 328 victims includes a number of missionaries.—Christian Century.

North Side Baptist Church of Weatherford, Texas, on May 17, 1942 granted to its pastor, Norman L. Roberts, leave of absence for the duration of the present emergency to report for active duty as chaplain in the army of the United States. He was administered the oath of office at Camp Wolters, Texas, May 16, 1942, and was commissioned chaplain first lieutenant AUS. He will report after May 24, 1942.

Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

"THE DEAF"

Jesus had a lot of trouble with those who are spiritually deaf. Physical deafness is a great affliction. But spiritual deafness is a tragedy. Again and again Jesus warns and challenges, "Take heed therefore how ye hear." It is interesting to note that He closes each of His messages to the seven churches in Asia Minor as given in the second and third chapters in the book of Revelation with the refrain, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

We who preach the gospel of the Son of God, constantly are made conscious of the spiritual deafness of too many of our congregation. They seem to hear our message, but it makes no impression upon them. Their minds and interests are some place else.

Not a few of us frequently hear things that we do not hear. Our physical hearing is normal. People talk to us while our minds are occupied with other thoughts. Whenever that happens we do not hear what is said to us.

One of the greatest problems that confronts the pastor is to get from his congregation an expectant and whole-minded hearing. We deceive ourselves frequently when people are looking at us with their eyes open that they are really listening to what we have to say. Half of the people who look at us while we preach, hear practically nothing we say. They are in the habit of looking at the preacher, but their minds are visiting around in a variety of places and attending to other interests.

The wise pastor uses all the ingenuity he has to grasp and hold the real attention of his congregation.

Japan, to call at Shanghai and at Saigon on the way to the agreed exchange point of Lourenco Marques in Portuguese East Africa. The first trip must give priority to diplomatic and consular personnel, and the distances are great. . . .

"There is no new official word regarding the treatment of United Nations citizens in Hongkong or the Philippines. Efforts to arrange informal representation in those places through the International Red Cross are proceeding without success; Swiss consuls are neither recognized nor given facilities to aid in any way. Americans held in Thailand have been treated ungenerously, though not brutally; and there is particular satisfaction in the hope that they and at least part of the Hongkong people may get out to Saigon or Shanghai on the way to exchange."

"It is assumed that the Swiss are finding no serious difficulties in distributing subsistence payments, since they report on this subject only their inability to work in Hongkong and Manila."

"Manila Internees: The internee population of Santo Tomas, where there were originally 3000 Americans, has been reduced by one-half with the Japanese doing the selection of those who returned to their homes. It is felt that Santo Tomas is 'an ideal spot,' having dormitories all new and beautifully equipped, and with modern plumbing. Cubicles intended for students have been enlarged to accommodate whole American families.' (Based on information brought by Mr. E. Hester, economic adviser to the Philippine High Commissioner.)"

"Missionaries in Manchuria: A letter from the Special Division of the Department of State to Dr. Warnshuis, under date of April 27, 1942, states: "Telegrams dated January 30 and March 16, 1942, have . . . been received through official channels stating that the missionaries in Manchuria belonging to the Maryknoll Society are all in good health at Dairen, are permitted limited use of their churches, and are being well treated by the Japanese authorities. The Department also understands that an intercepted unofficial Japanese radio report indicates that all American and British nationals in Manchuria have been assembled at Dairen."

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." I Cor. 13:8b

Jesus said, "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH." Mt. 16:18.

"A good thing to remember,
And a better thing to do,
Is — work with the construction gang,
Not with the wreckin' crew."

I

A recent question has come regarding benefits from participation in Minister Retirement along the following lines: If the annuitant starts receiving benefits at the age of 65 and receives only two monthly checks representing a small part of his contribution, and then dies, what is done with the remaining portion of his contributions?

The official answer is: "If a man begins receiving the retirement annuity under the Minister Retirement Plan and dies before he has received an amount equal to the full amount of his (the member's) accumulation credits, then in that event any balance remaining of such member's accumulated credits would be paid to the personal representative of the member or such relative of the member as the Annuity Board in its absolute discretion may elect. It is a fact that no member can lose anything he contributes to this plan."

Another question: "What may we expect as to retired pastors supplying pulpits?" Official statements in answer to that question follow: "Pastors may supply and hold meetings. The supply is to be only on a very temporary basis. Continuation of supply work in the church for a period longer than sixty days should not be permitted. Among other things churches must be prevented from contenting themselves with supply pastors whose salaries are partially paid by the Minister Retirement fund."

II

Mississippi Baptists will be delighted to know that Evangelist Hyman Appelman has accepted the invitation of the State Evangelistic Committees to help in a three-months statewide evangelistic campaign February, March and April, 1944.

This office, and the Director of Evangelism, are to serve as a clearing house in arrangements.

III

We believe our God to be great enough to inspire His people in revival fervor in war time as well as peace time.

Those who doubt this statement should read the "Revival in the Armies of the Confederacy" now being published in current issues of The Baptist Record.

IV

Multitudes of Mississippi Baptists have longed for a great, and unusual evangelistic effort—State-wide in scope. Hearts are joyful in every section of our State as news spreads concerning the united, scriptural, determined effort for January 24-April 18, 1943.

One of the three great American revivals largely affecting our Southern Baptist life came during a war effort, namely, the Civil War.

Our God is great enough to bring about the spirit and fact of real revival. He will not force the door to the human mind and heart.

Let us pray the prayer, "O Lord, revive THY work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known, in wrath remember mercy. Habakkuk 3:2.

Let us sing,
"Hallelujah! Thine the glory, Hallelujah! amen;
Hallelujah! Thine the glory, revive us again."

V

The Southern Baptist Convention, San Antonio, was one of the best we have ever attended. The spirit was Christian throughout. The fellowship was unsurpassed. The attendance ran from 6,000-10,000 and held through the last sessions.

We were late arriving due to an important engagement, but heard reports of progress in every department. Messages by Drs. Fuller, Lee, Truett, Neff and others were greatly inspiring.

Our King marches on! His people follow! Doxology!

VI

Our last two regional conferences were held at Jackson and Magee. The Jackson conference was the most largely attended of any other of the twenty-two conferences. The Magee conference was also crowded to capacity.

It was a great joy to Brother Goodrich and your Secretary to have this fellowship, and to talk the "King's Business."

VII

We have noted that mistakes have been almost entirely eliminated between this office and the churches and members. This is due to two or three considerations. First, while we are handling twice as much money as a little while ago, we now have enough helpers in this office to do the work as it should be done; second, we believe many out on the field have come into a better understanding of the details involved; third, it is the practice of this office to consider no case closed, until it is closed right.

We thank everyone concerned for hearty co-operation.

VIII

Sitting alone in the office "after hours" we are asking: "What do we as Mississippi Baptists desire most of all?"

Certainly, we would not answer "Programs, Plans, Drives, Campaigns, Machinery." We are for those things as vehicles, on which God's will shall go forward upon this earth. None of us care one whit for wheels within wheels, unless they are God's wheels of progress.

Dare we say we truly want to "Seek first the Kingdom of God." That means God reigning within us, about us, above us. That means "His will rather than our will." That means "His way instead of our way."

Are we interested first of all in a great revival of New Testament "religion"? Are we willing to pay the price? Are we willing to—pray for it, confess our sins, get right with God, and with our fellowman, sound forth His word of Salvation with our own lives, and start it around the world with those supported by our tithes and offerings?

IX

Unless the church cultivates these "no account folks" it will never win them. Many of them may be won. Some of them will turn out to be real leaders.

In the denomination we should seek to win the "do nothing" church to Christ's program in evangelism, missions, etc.

X

Manifestly Uncle Sam is in this war to win it. He should be. Not only trade fields hang in the balance—Christian ideals and programs are at stake.

Do we "mean business" in this matter of whipping the devil and exalting the Lord Jesus Christ?

XI

Something NEW in the treatment of music! We refer to the neatly bound book "Let Us Sing," by McKinney and Graves. Every church should study it. Credit is given in the Sunday School and Training Union work. Copies may be secured at the Book Store.

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OLIVE BRANCH: During the week, May 4-8, we studied the new B. T. U. Manuals. The intermediates were taught by Miss Louise Raines; the juniors by Mrs. Nina Bleasoe; the adults by Jerry Overton. All three of these young people are from Bellevue Church of Memphis. There was a revival interest during the whole week, with twelve conversions in the junior department. Attendance was high during the entire week, with 51 present the first night and 70 taking the examination.—Reporter.

Recent visitors to The Baptist Record office include the following: O. U. Rushing, Jackson; Rev. B. E. Phillips, New Hebron; Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Nashville; Rev. Mark Lowry, Wesson; Rev. C. C. Jones, Mendenhall; Rev. James Foster, Jackson; Mrs. H. P. Moseley, Jr., New Orleans; Mrs. J. N. Nesmith, Yazoo City; Mrs. E. W. Hargrove, Jackson; Rev. J. D. Walker, Canton.

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Some people think that the preacher is getting personal just because he talks about sin.

CHINESE CHRISTIANS SET EXAMPLE TO WORLD

Every little while there comes a story out of China which makes one ask whether the churches of any other part of the world can surpass those in that harassed land in their practice of Christian brotherhood. The latest such story has been brought to light by a letter from Dr. Francis Wei, president of Hua Chang (Central China) College, to Dr. William Paton of the International Missionary Council. Dr. Wei's college, like others, has been driven into exile in west China. Its faculty and students are living the difficult existence of refugees, undergoing all sorts of privations and with very little income on which to get along. Yet during the recent holidays this college community raised a Christmas gift of Chinese \$960.65 which it voted to send to the churches of Great Britain that have sustained war damages. In the gathering of this gift the faculty and students of the Canton Union Theological College, who are sharing the quarters-in-exile of Hua Chang, also had a part. Dr. Wei apologized in the letter which accompanied this gift for the fact that \$960 in Chinese currency when changed into British pounds sterling makes so small a sum. On the contrary, it seems to us that, according to the rates of Christian exchange (which are set in Mark 12:43, 44), this is probably the largest gift which has crossed the oceans in any direction since the world lapsed into the madness of war. Compared with such a gift as this, the generosity of Western Christians seems paltry.—Christian Century.

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HOW THE GRUMBLER WAS CURED

A pastor of a little church in a small town became exceedingly discouraged, and brooded over his trials to such an extent that he became an inveterate grumbler. He found fault with his brethren because he imagined they did not treat him well. A brother minister was invited to assist him a few days in a special service. At the close of the Sunday morning service our unhappy brother invited the minister to his house for dinner. While they were waiting alone in the parlor he began his doleful story by saying:

"You have no idea of my troubles; and one of the greatest is that my brethren in the church treat me very badly."

The other propounded the following questions:

"Did they ever spit in your face?"

"No, they haven't come to that."

"Did they ever smite you?"

"No."

"Did they ever crown you with thorns?"

This last question he could not answer, but bowed his head thoughtfully. The other replied:

"Your Master and mine was thus treated, and all His disciples fled and left Him in the hands of the wicked. Yet he opened not His mouth."

The effect of this conversation was wonderful. Both ministers bowed in prayer and earnestly sought to possess the mind which was in Christ Jesus. During the ten days' meeting the discontented pastor became wonderfully changed. He labored and prayed with his friend, and many souls were brought to Christ.—Iowa Baptist Record.

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The Young People's Department of the Sunday School of Calvary Church, Jackson, entertained the high school and college graduates Tuesday evening. There are about 60 of these graduates. They were honored at the eleven o'clock service last Sunday morning.

"Gillsburg church recently had a very successful Sunday School study course. About 95% of our teachers and officers took the examination. Our superintendent, Hon. Kenneth Stewart, has set up four objectives, which will enable us to reach the standard in another quarter."—Reporter.

Enon Church, Panola County, reports a good day last Sunday. Rev. R. L. Ray, Jr., preached to a splendid congregation. A young couple united with the church by baptism.

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"But," exclaimed the would-be tenant, "my eldest child is thirty years of age and lives in Australia, and the other two are in New Zealand."

"Can't help that," remarked the caretaker. "This flat's not being let to anybody with children."

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THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

In our judgment the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at San Antonio, Texas was one of the best that we have ever attended. The messengers didn't always vote as we thought they should have voted, but we didn't always vote as some of them thought we should have voted, so that makes the score even. On at least one occasion there was manifested what seemed like an ugly spirit by a few, but out of nearly 5,000 messengers that is an exceedingly small number.

The Place

San Antonio Baptists did a super-excellent job as hosts. If they left anything undone no one detected it. As a city, San Antonio is about like the average city of its size. With many thousands of soldiers in various camps in and around the city, there are to be found the things that usually go with such. As far as we observed not a single business establishment or hotel raised prices because of the presence of the Convention. This cannot be said of some cities.

In and around San Antonio are to be found much of historical interest, but space forbids mentioning them. However, we do know that the Chamber of Commerce is a wide-awake organization and those interested can get full information from it.

The Program

The committee on order of business had given much time and thought to the program and very few changes were needed—these arising from last minute developments. The program gave every object a fair hearing though we doubt if any object got the time it wanted. But there are only 60 minutes in an hour and time just can't be stretched. The committee had so planned that there were no dull moments. There was something interesting all the time. Any messenger who could be present for all the sessions should have a clear picture of the work of this great body of Christians.

The People

Numerically speaking, they were there. Nearly five thousand registered. No doubt many did not register. It seemed to us that they were in a more optimistic mood than in years but they had plenty of good reports to get them in such a mood. It was a typical Southern Baptist crowd, with friends meeting friends and strangers making new acquaintances.

The people on the program were in most cases the same ones who have been on the program for years and years. They handled the subjects assigned to them in a commendable way, showing signs of previous preparation.

As the number from Mississippi was not large, we had hoped to publish in this issue the list of Mississippi messengers. But we were refused on two occasions the privilege of copying these few names. It is impossible in this space to give the names of all taking part on the program. We can mention but a few. Among the many outstanding people taking part were: Dr. W. W. Hamilton, Dr. Perry F. Webb, Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, Dr. E. P. Alldredge, Dr. George W. Truett, Dr. Louie D. Newton, Dr. W. R. White, Dr. Ralph Herring, Dr. C. E. Maddry, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Dr. John L. Hill, Dr. R. G. Lee, Dr. R. Q. Leavell, Dr. W. H. Knight, Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, Dr. Ryland Knight, Dr. T. F. Adams, Dr. Austin Crouch, Dr. J. E. Dillard, Dr. H. H. Hargrove, Dr. M. E. Dodd, Hon. Pat Neff.

The Peaks

There were so many great moments during the convention that we hesitate to designate any as peaks, but in the midst of such an outstanding convention we dare to name a few.

The unfailing humor and patience of President Hamilton in the midst of difficult moments and parliamentary snarls was a source of continual comfort to messengers. He was absolutely fair and

saw to it that everybody who wanted to "had his say."

The president's address by Dr. Hamilton, which appeared in last week's Record, will be helpful to anybody that reads it. It was just one of the high spots of a convention made up of high spots. It was the voice of a Christian statesman speaking to Christian people.

The sermon by Dr. Ellis A. Fuller may be equalled but we doubt if it is surpassed in many a day. It was just a good old gospel sermon that reminded us of revival days. More preaching by more preachers to more people of Dr. Fuller's kind is needed now and all the time.

Naturally we would think that another peak was the presenting of the Baptist state papers. Nobody can do it quite as well as Dr. Louie D. Newton and when he finished, we are sure that there was nobody in the audience that would want to admit that they did not subscribe for their state paper.

The Brotherhood hour was another high place in the program, emphasizing the possibilities of our manpower. Surely every pastor went home with a determination to use this vast, almost untouched, reservoir among Southern Baptists.

The Foreign Mission Rally on Sunday afternoon, with a presentation of the missionaries, and with some facts about their fields and then the consecration service for the new missionaries was surely a soul inspiring service.

Just as interesting and inspiring and informative was the Home Board Rally on Sunday night.

Surely the address by Dr. Truett will remain long in the minds of those privileged to hear him. Year by year, he grows stronger in the affections of Southern Baptists.

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SIDE LIGHTS ON THE CONVENTION

Evidently lots of folks thought that the Convention was to be held in the exhibit room.

"Considering the constituency of the Convention and the number of people present, we thought the space that the San Antonio papers gave was exceedingly small.

In Sunday's paper we saw one column of Convention news on page 9. In contrast, we saw on page 1 a whole column devoted to roadside beautification. "Browder Leaves Train for Home" got one-third of a column on page 1. "Knife, Gun Kill Two Men" had one-fourth of a column on page 2. Page 5 had two-thirds of a column on book reviews, while, as stated above, the Southern Baptist Convention representing 5,000,000 people and composed of near 5,000 registered messengers, made page 9.

Dr. Maddry said that despite the several extra offerings this year and the giving of \$750,000 to Emergency Relief and British Baptists in the past four years, Foreign Mission offerings since January 1 exceed the amount contributed for the same period last year. In other words, this giving business has not yet been overdone. Pastors don't need to make plans to protect their people from giving to missions. The people will take care of themselves.

Said one speaker, "The time has come for achievements and not for alibis." He referred specifically to the 100,000 Club. Said another speaker, "People will pay if we lay it on their hearts."

The Lottie Moon offering has already gone above \$450,000, with some late offerings still trickling in. Ten years ago it was a little more than \$100,000.

One chaplain said that out of 139 cases of ungodliness among his outfit, only four were Sunday school members.

Many of the San Antonio stores had signs in English and Spanish.

On a trip through Ft. Sam Houston the guide pointed out a Catholic chapel. We heard no mention of a Baptist chapel, and we understand that none is permitted.

Either some people in San Antonio have lots of money to lend or San Antonio people need to borrow lots of money. We never saw quite so many loan and finance companies.

Our Contributed Editorial

BY INVITATION OF THE EDITOR

By this means we hope to give our readers a cross section of Mississippi Baptist thought.

THE BIBLE

J. R. G. Hewlett

The Bible is the one book the world needs today. But few people really appreciate the Bible. This is due to lack of information concerning its teachings. People who are best informed in its teaching have the highest appreciation of it, and love it most. Where did we get the Bible? From God, not man. "Know this first, that no prophecy of Scripture comes of its own interpretation; for prophecy was never brought by the will of man; but moved by the Holy Spirit, men spoke from God." II Peter 1:20, 21.

I. The Bible is the only book:

1. That reveals the origin of the world in which we live. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Gen. 1:1.
2. That gives the true origin of man. "God created man in his own image, . . . male and female created he them." Gen. 1:27.
3. That reveals God to man.
 - a. As Creator.
 - b. As Companion—Enoch walked with God.
 - c. As a Father of the redeemed.
4. That reveals God's conception of sin.
 - a. Sin is a transgression of law.
 - b. The soul that sinneth shall die.
5. That reveals man's relationship to God.
 - a. By nature man is out of harmony with God.
 - b. In Christ man is restored to fellowship with God.
6. That reveals to man a remedy for sin—"for ye are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus." Gal. 3:26.
7. That reveals the Holy City as the future home of the redeemed. Cf. John 14:1-4.
8. That warns man against hell, and points out the way to the Holy City. "I am the way the truth and the life." Jno. 14:6. Cf. Acts 4:11, 12.

II. The real value of the Bible.

1. As history—the only history that we have from creation to the flood, and for a number of years after the flood.
2. As biography—the only account of the lives of many people in the first few centuries of the world.
3. As poetry—many beautiful poems in the Bible. Psalms, Proverbs, and other poems.
4. As law—a. The law of relationship of man to man.
b. The law of relationship of man to God.
5. It is profitable—
 - a. For teaching. Then teach it more.
 - b. For reproof. The world needs the reproof today.
 - c. For correction. If there was ever a time when correction was needed it is now.
 - d. For instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, completely furnished—equipped for—to every good work.

A boy desires to be a doctor. He goes to medical school for training. Another desires to be a dentist. He goes to the dental college for his training. Another desires to be a farmer. He goes to the school of agriculture for his training. To be profitable servants of God they must all go to the Bible school for training. "All Scripture is inspired by God, and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be complete, completely furnished to every good work." II Tim. 3:16, 17.

—BR—

(The articles about the Southern Baptist Convention require so much of this week's space that we are omitting our weekly "Selected Editorial." It will appear next week.)

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION (Continued from Page One)

to take advantage of the unusual opportunity to preach the Gospel to the boys who are at, and are going to, the front.

The American Bible Society

This is the agency for printing and distributing the Bible, located in New York, and in which Southern Baptists are deeply interested, always receiving a fraternal messenger from the Society with pleasure. This year it was Dr. F. C. Stifler, editorial secretary.

During the past year Southern Baptists have made large contributions to the Russian Bible Fund, making it possible for the Bible to be printed in the Russian language.

The Sunday School Board

In its fifty-first annual report to the Convention, the Sunday School Board showed that the total receipts for the year from all sources were \$2,658,817.64, an increase of \$336,488.49 over the previous year. It also showed that the contributions from earnings for denominational causes were \$566,634.40 as compared with \$520,240.51 the preceding year.

The number of Sunday schools reported for 1941 were 24,629, with an enrollment of 3,553,467, which shows a gain of 407 schools though a small loss in enrollment.

The Training Union reports 54,798 unions and Story Hours for the year, which represents a gain of 3,295 units of organization over 1940. The enrollment reported is 950,997, which is an increase of 31,308 over the previous year.

There were 7,077 Vacation Bible Schools held during the year, with an enrollment of 617,404, showing an increase of 1,321 in the number of schools and a gain of 76,198 in enrollment.

The number of Sunday School Study Course Awards issued during the year was 208,153, an increase of 26,284, while the awards issued by the Training Union Department were 278,204.

In a discussion of the report emphasis was laid upon the crusade that is being made against beverage alcohol. An organization of Southwide extent is being formed and the Convention pledged its entire support. Drs. John L. Hill and R. G. Lee spoke on the report. Dr. Lee's address was a high commendation of the work of the Sunday School Board's work in the 51 years of its history and an appeal that the Bible be the one and only text book, paying a worthy tribute to the Book of books.

Evangelism

This has been an outstanding phase of the denomination's work for a number of years, in fact, at the center of all the work. For years it has been directed by Dr. Roland Q. Leavell. He made an encouraging report to the Convention. Dr. Leavell's plea was summed up in this sentiment, that "While the world is at its worst, Southern Baptists must be at their evangelistic best."

Monday Afternoon Session

Relief and Annuity Board. The report of the Relief and Annuity Board was in charge of Executive Secretary Dr. Thos. J. Watts, of Texas.

For the past 24 years the work of caring for the aged ministers in their need and providing a relief fund for those now in service when they come to the retirement period has been conducted by this Board. Dr. W. H. Knight, the state secretary of Louisiana, spoke informally of the achievements of the Board.

From the report the following interesting items are gleaned:

The total of premiums and dues collected during 1941 was \$744,815.59. The total receipts from all sources amounted to \$1,147,678.84, and the total assets of the Board as of December 31, 1941, amounted to \$5,470,277.87, an increase over last year of \$320,614. The reserves of the Ministers Retirement Plan have increased to \$1,022,208, the increase for the year being \$423,334.

On a basis of 12,000 active pastors in the Southern Baptist Convention, we now have enrolled in the Ministers Retirement Plan about 44% who are eligible to enter it. The Board is confident that by May, 1943, its twenty-fifth anniversary, we shall have from 75% to 85% of the Southern Baptist churches participating in the plan and that not

fewer than 7,000 or 8,000 pastors will be paying dues.

Relief Department

The sum of \$101,599.13 was distributed to 1,241 beneficiaries during the year 1941, and a budget item of \$100,000 was approved for 1942. There was added in 1941 to the reserve of the Relief Department \$15,831, and thus we are building up what may be thought of as an immediate use reserve fund which will help to stabilize the relief grants in years ahead when the receipts may be diminished.

The Woman's Missionary Union

The work being done by the women in the South was presented by the officers under the direction of Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, the president.

Some of the worthy achievements of the women are seen in the figures taken from their report as follows:

Long before Carey achieved world-renown he was recognized as a man of prayer. Systematic stimuli to prayer are provided through the Union's long-time custom of urging its organizations to observe annually three seasons of prayer—for home missions in the spring, for state missions in the fall, for foreign missions in the winter. The records show that 23,664 W. M. U. organizations met for prayer for home missions and that their combined offerings for the Annie Armstrong offering amounted to \$206,168.29, which largely sustained the direct mission work of the Home Mission Board during the year. During the week of prayer for foreign missions last December, 24,276 W. M. U. organizations met for the purpose and their combined gift for the Lottie Moon offering for foreign missions was \$440,045.62.

While the W. M. U. is deeply grateful to the pastors and members in the 12,281 Southern Baptist Convention churches that maintain one or more W. M. U. organizations, nevertheless there is the big challenge of 11,702 churches that also co-operate with the Southern Baptist Convention but do not have any of the organizations that are fostered by W. M. U. There are now 41,719 W. M. U. organizations, with an aggregate membership of 768,976. Their total contributions last year amounted to \$3,286,252. Among this number of members there were last year 155,883 tithers, an average of one tither for every 4.9 members. Many of these W. M. U. tithers are doubtless members of the 593 Southern Baptist Convention churches that last year succeeded in getting every resident woman member to contribute to missions.

At the annual meeting in 1940 the W. M. U. promised to seek to raise \$1,000,000 for a debtless denomination by 1945. Up to this time the Union has raised for this purpose \$317,750.86, nearly one-third of its goal.

Dr. Van Kirk

The proceedings of the Convention were broadcast by Dr. Walter Van Kirk over NBC. He was introduced and stated that this is the third Southern Baptist Convention he has broadcast, viz.: Baltimore, Birmingham and San Antonio.

The California Churches

At the last Convention a group of Baptists in California applied to this body for membership. A committee was appointed to consider their reception, to report one year later. At this session the petition was renewed and after a prolonged heated discussion the body is received into the Convention.

Election of Officers

The following officers were elected to serve the Convention for the next year: Hon. Pat M. Neff, Texas, president; Dr. J. D. Crain, South Carolina, first vice-president; Dr. R. E. Guy, Tennessee, second vice-president; Dr. H. C. Moore and Mr. J. H. Burnett, recording secretaries.

Monday Evening Session

Negro Ministerial Education

This phase of work in which Baptists are engaged was reported on by Dr. Ryland Knight of Georgia, and in its discussion by Dr. Theodore F. Adams the importance of the work was stressed and ways by which it can be done. It is a joint work among Southern and Northern Baptists and the Negroes themselves.

The subject was also discussed by Herbert L. Lang (colored), Dean of Union Baptist Seminary in New Orleans. The committee in charge of this work rec-

ommends to all pastors sympathetic cooperation with the Negro pastors in their communities.

The Address of Dr. J. B. Lawrence

Dr. Lawrence's subject was, "Christ, the Light of the World," based on John 1:15—"The Light shineth in darkness and the darkness cannot suppress it." World conditions as now existing were graphically portrayed, paving the way to impress that the paramount remedy needed is Christ. The old world lies in darkness as never before and Christ is the Light of the world. If Christ is brought as the Light of the world to those in darkness by His followers three things are necessary: 1. The faith of the followers of Christ should be rooted in an experience of grace so that their relation to Christ will be actual and real. 2. The churches must be brought under the sovereign rule of Christ so as to realize something of the type and pattern of the New Testament church in doctrine and practice. In order to bring about the social change which will give to us some semblance of a Christ-like social order, we must have an all-out evangelism.

Dr. R. G. Lee Speaks on the New South

Dr. R. G. Lee spoke on "The Missionary Challenge of the New South." This challenge is to make Christ known to this world that knows Him not. To meet this challenge several things were stressed. 1. We must reach the unreached. 2. We must dig up the dormant. 3. We must glorify God by the sacrifice of self. 4. We must remember that the Lamb against whom they make war shall overcome.

Tuesday Morning Session

Constitution Committee

Growing out of a heated discussion on yesterday on the matter of receiving the California body of Baptists into this Convention, it is felt there is need of a revision of the Constitution of the Convention, so a committee, one from each state, was appointed, to report to the next Convention.

Hospital Work

The report on the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, the only hospital owned by the Convention, was made by Dr. L. J. Bristow, the superintendent.

The following items from the report is a digest of the great work the hospital is doing:

The Southern Baptist Hospital was given the privilege in 1941 of serving more persons than in any similar period of its history. During the year it admitted 15,970 patients and gave them 97,996 days of service. Free service was given to 2,247 persons at a cost of \$77,031.02. There were 1,283 births. A class of 45 young women was graduated from the School of Nursing.

The capital debt as of March 31, 1942 was \$217,000.00. The interest rate is 3%. Current accounts are paid monthly.

Included in the free work is the usual service given to home and foreign missionaries, inmates of the Woman's Emergency Home, the Protestant Home for Babies, Waldo Burton Home for Boys, Seventh Street Orphans Home, state board workers in various states, and kindred agencies. None of these patients pays anything. The B. B. I. students are issued hospitalization contracts at the beginning of the session for which they pay \$5.00 for an unmarried student, \$7.50 for a student and his wife, \$8.50 for a man and his family.

Dr. Bristow said unusual demands are being made on the Hospital in taking care of the soldiers coming to them in great numbers, and being cared for as far as possible. This was made a ground of an earnest appeal for more adequate financial support of the Hospital.

Executive Committee

Dr. Austin Crouch, the executive secretary, made the report and addressed the Convention, sounding an optimistic note because of the splendid financial progress made during the past year; saying the past year has been in many respects the best Southern Baptists have had in many years, and the first four months of this year show a marked improvement over the corresponding period last year. The total receipts for 1941 were \$2,251,822.61; a gain over 1940 of \$265,105.34.

Other items of interest in the report follow:

Southern Baptist Convention agencies have paid from May 1, 1941, to May 1, 1942, \$837,480.77 on debt principal. Total balance of debt principal of these

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By
BRACY CAMPBELL

Lesson for May 31. **THE DAY OF SUFFERING, or, GETHSEMANE AND THE TRIALS.** Bible Accounts: Matthew 26:36-27:26; Mark 14:32-15:5; Luke 22:39-23:8. Printed Text: Mark 14:1-15:5.

Introduction. The Passover had been eaten, the Lord's Supper had been instituted, the farewell discourses had been delivered, the High Priestly Prayer had been offered. It was deep night. The Lord with His company had left the upper room and He led them straight to Gethsemane, a garden on the cityward slope of the Mount of Olives. It was here under the olive trees which gave its name to the mount that our Lord suffered such agony of soul as to wring from His body the bloody sweat as He, with strong crying and tears, poured out the sufferings of His soul in prayer to His Father. While He was thus engaged, His weary disciples once and again fell asleep, and thus His lonely vigil was kept until the mob came with the Roman officers, led by Judas the traitor to arrest Him.

I. Facing the Father. Mark 14:

"My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death." (Mark 14:34). No wonder He turned to the Father. He had turned to the Father in the days of His childhood, and in the waning strength of young manhood. He had sought the Father in all seasons, both of sorrow and of joy. Now His people had finally completely turned against Him, the multitudes had left Him alone, deserted, hated, betrayed. With nowhere else to go, He went to the Friend who never fails, to the heart which is never cold to those who sorrow, to the arm which is never shortened, to the strength that never falters, to the light that never grows dim. He went to the Father, but He did not speak many words to the Father. Over and over, He spoke a brief prayer. I think it was not mainly that He might speak to the Father that He came to the garden, in the first place, but He came thus apart from things and people that He might be alone with God. His words to the Father are recorded, and I think we may safely say that we know some of the Father's words to him. "I will never leave Thee nor forsake"—"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee." And what does His prayer mean?

1—Father. How dear in all the riches of its meaning was this dear name to Him! Father and Son share one nature, "the Father and I are one"; Father and Son share one joy. "I do always the things that please Him"; Father and Son share one work, "I came—to finish His work."

2—The will of the Father. "Thy will be done." In the Will of the Father, Jesus found His own will, and in so doing He found the peace which nothing could destroy.

3—He found the needed strength. He said in effect, "I am ready now. Let us go. My need led me here, and that need has been supplied. Let us go. I came to hold counsel with my

Father, and He has given the advice I need. Let us go."

II. Facing the Traitor. Mark 14:43-50.

The Lord came out of the garden and at the gate He met the mob. The leader of the mob was one who had eaten from His own hand, had listened to His voice, had couched himself on the bed the Master provided and had capped the climax of an infamous life by selling his Benefactor for the price of a common slave. The mystery of Judas is one whose depth I cannot fathom, but of his guilt and unspeakable wickedness I have no slightest doubt. He was foreknown as the traitor but he was not forced to become a traitor. That he became as all traitors become by the harboring of the thought that is treacherous, by coddling the treacherous desire and forming the treacherous purpose. Now he came as the guard of the Roman officers detailed to arrest Jesus and with them came the hate-filled mob. Of all the crowning acts of wickedness imaginable was this that the traitor should identify his Lord by kissing Him. That kiss must have had in it the hiss of the serpent, the poison of the asp.

Upon this, the soldiers laid hold of Jesus and all His friends forsook Him and fled. Their moral courage failed them in our Lord's distress and He was left alone but for the presence of God.

III Facing the Sanhedrin. Mark 15:1.

This was the supreme court of the Jews. It consisted of 70 members and a president or ruler. The power of the Sanhedrin had been curtailed by the Roman government until it consisted now of authority in only religious matters. The Sanhedrin could judge in matters touching the religious life of the Jewish people but it had not the power of life unto death. Its members had made up their minds to destroy Jesus, but their court could not impose the death penalty. Their problem then was to convict Him of some crime against the Roman government, the penalty whereof was death. They set about doing this in any possible manner. They thought Jesus ought to die because He had declared Himself to be one with authority, thus making Himself God. Blasphemy is the crime of exalting the common into the seat of God, and when Jesus, whom the Jewish rulers held to be a man and only a man, made claim that He was one with authority, the members of the Sanhedrin and the other rulers of the Jewish people promptly accused Him of blasphemy. Rome would not willingly do a grave injustice to an innocent man, but poor Pilate was a time serving politician and felt that above all things else He must retain his position as governor. When, therefore, the Jewish leaders clamored that Jesus had said He was king and that no man who was Caesar's friend would protect another who claimed to be king, Pilate yielded to their clamor and sentenced Jesus to death. Pilate was a man who had an opportunity to do good at some cost to himself and the poor fellow refused to pay that cost. He knew to do right and he did it not and thus became an heinous sinner in the sight of God. The members of his tribe are numerous in the world today, people who will do right when it is easy, but will neglect to do right if it is hard to do right. The crucifixion of our Lord from a human viewpoint was brought about through the agency of a man who was willing

25 YEARS AGO

The Clarksdale church worshipped last Sunday in a large tent, which had been bought by the pastor. Fine congregations attended both morning and night.

Pastor J. B. Quin began his meeting at First Church, Grenada, last Sunday. Pastor Quinn is doing the preaching and B. W. Hutson leading the singing.

Brethren F. T. Tull and J. E. Byrd spent Saturday, April 28, at Mt. Pisgah church in Yalobusha Association in an all-day meeting.

Dr. I. P. Trotter is succeeding admirably at Shaw. The church pays the salary a month in advance.

The following secured enough subscriptions to The Record to pay their way to the Convention in New Orleans: R. A. Eddleman, Mrs. A. C. Furr, J. E. Kinsey, J. R. Russell and J. A. Ousley.

The pastors in the city of Jackson, in association with Brother J. R. Carter and others, have been holding services out at the orphanage on Sunday afternoons. The interest has grown and the number of Baptists has so increased in that neighborhood that they have decided to organize a church and build a house. A good lot has been given, and more than half enough money has been promised to build a \$4,000 house on Bailey avenue. The plan is to have a pastor for half time until they are able to do better.

The First Church at Corinth had a great meeting and the pastor rejoices that they are on higher ground. A debt of \$15,000 was paid on the church building and \$3,000 was raised to rebuild the parsonage recently destroyed by fire.

A fine meeting has just been closed at Water Valley. Pastor A. A. Walker is happy. He had the assistance of Pastor W. E. Farr, of Blue Mountain. There were 48 additions—40 by baptism.

The following notice was inserted in a farm weekly:

"Anyone found near my chicken house at night will be found there the next morning."

to do wrong for profit. The Jewish leaders knew that the Roman governor would not put a man to death because he had violated the Jewish religious law, so they were forced to find some charge against Jesus on which they could have Him put to death by Roman authority. The charge they brought against Him before Pilate was that He said He was king of the Jews. For any man to make claim that He was king anywhere in the Roman empire was to set himself in rebellion against the Roman government and to incur the death penalty for this crime. So the members of the Sanhedrin caused Jesus to be led away to Pilate for judgment and sentence on this charge.

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT



David Byrd, recently elected Student Body President at Mississippi College.

CHURCH MEMBER MAKES CONFESSION

Many years ago The Sling and Stone shared with its readers an interesting story recounted in the church bulletin of the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and the added comment of of pastor, Dr. M. H. Anderson. The story of a church member's confession and the pastor's comment are as follows:

There When Needed

"In a church paper which came to the pastor's desk last week appeared a little story that seems so familiar it might have been written about our own church. It is as follows:

"One of our families has recently gone through a very sorrowful experience. For some months past these good people have been irregular in their attendance and careless about their pledge. Sunday was the only day they had for recreation.

"Then trouble came.

"They needed the church and they called one of the pastors. He helped to the best of his ability. When the problem had been solved the husband said, 'We have had time to think and there is a lot for us to think about. We never know how much we need the church until trouble comes.'"

"It is easy to become forgetful of religion and the church when all goes well and life runs smoothly on its way. To be sure religion is meant as much for times of sunshine as for times of gloom; it has a very necessary function in consecrating prosperity and sanctifying joy. But these are times when folks are tempted to self-sufficiency and carelessness and indifference to the things of God.

"When trouble comes—it may be sickness and sorrow; it may be family problems or financial disaster or any one of a hundred difficulties. Then we discover that we do not have the spiritual reserves to meet the emergency and we need the church desperately.

"And the church is there when needed!

"But who kept the church going while we were neglecting it?

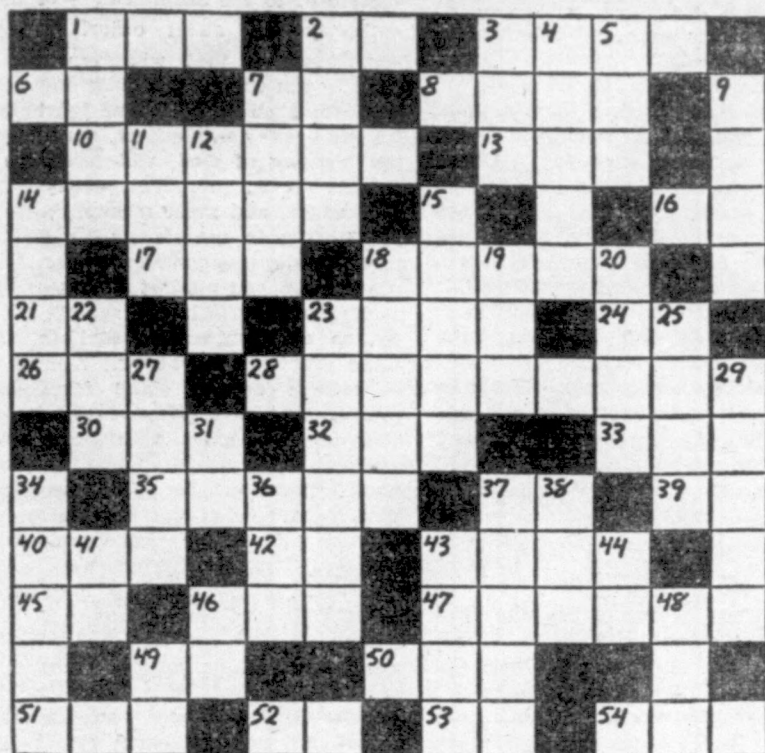
"Who paid the bills while we were staying away and forgetting to keep up our share?

"Who keeps the church school running so that we can send our children while we ourselves give no thought to the matter?

"Who 'stands by' week after week and month after month so that the church is 'there when we need it'?

"We need to take time and think, for truly there's a lot to think about. And when we have thought it through, there's something to do as well. Will you do it?"—The Sling and Stone.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."—Mark 8:34.

SELF-DENIAL HORIZONTAL

- 1 "... whosoever will lose his life," Matt. 16:25.
- 2 "... that findeth his life shall lose it," Matt. 10:39.
- 3 "He ... loveth father or mother more than me," Matt. 10:37.
- 6 Hebrew deity.
- 7 Continent.
- 8 "go and sell that thou hast, and give to the ...," Matt. 19:21.
- 10 "and him that ... away thy cloke forbid not to take thy coat also," Luke 9:29.
- 13 "That thou appear ... unto men to fast," Matt. 6:18.
- 14 "he that ... his life for my sake shall find it," Matt. 10:39.
- 16 "he that hateth his life ... this world shall keep it unto life eternal," John 12:25.
- 17 "For whosoever will save ... life shall lose it," Matt. 16:25.
- 18 "and take up his ... and follow me," Matt. 16:24.
- 21 "We then that are strong ought ... bear the infirmities of the weak," Romans 15:1.
- 23 Money.
- 24 Plural ending of nouns.
- 26 "whosoever shall lose his life for my sake ... the gospel's," Mark 8:35.
- 28 "he that ... me shall not walk in darkness," John 8:12.
- 30 Even (cont.).
- 32 Volume.
- 33 Kine (Scot.).
- 35 "If any man will come ... me, let him deny himself," Matt. 16:24.
- 37 "whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after ... cannot be my disciple," Luke 14:27.
- 39 Egyptian sun god.
- 40 "this poor widow hath cast in more than they ...," Luke 21:3.
- 42 "For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world and lose himself, ... be cast away," Luke 9:25.
- 43 "Or what shall a man give in exchange for his ...," Mark 8:37.
- 45 "For what ... a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul," Matt. 16:26.
- 46 "whosoever doth ... bear his cross, and come after me," Luke 14:27.
- 47 "that loveth son or daughter more than me is not ... of me," Matt. 10:37.
- 49 "when ye fast, be not ... the hypocrites," Matt. 6:16.
- 50 It is (cont.).

- 51 "words which I spake unto you, while I was ... with you," Luke 24:44.
 - 52 "which ... you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost," Luke 14:28.
 - 53 "If any man come to ... and hateth not his father," Luke 14:26.
 - 54 "All things ... lawful for me," I Cor. 10:23.
- Our text is 1, 2, 3, 10, 13, 17, 18, 26, 28, 35, 37, 45, 46, 47, 52 and 53 combined.

VERTICAL

- 1 Singing voice.
- 2 "that forsaketh not all that he ... he cannot be my disciple," Luke 14:33.
- 3 2000 pounds.
- 4 "he will take you away with ... and your posterity with fishhooks," Amos 4:2.
- 5 "Rabbi, thou ... the Son of God," John 1:49.
- 7 "they forsook their ... and followed him," Mark 1:18.
- 9 "Whosoever will come after me, let him ... himself," Mark 8:34.
- 11 "he planteth an ...," Isa. 44:14.
- 12 In bleaching, a vat containing the process.
- 14 Small globular vessel of polished brass used in the East Indies.
- 15 Pointed instrument for boring holes.
- 18 Hue.
- 19 A city of Benjamin, I Chron. 8:12.
- 20 "Whosoever shall ... to save his life shall lose it," Luke 17:33.
- 22 "whosoever shall offend ... of these little ones," Mark 9:24.
- 23 "I will trust in the ... of thy wings," Ps. 61:4.
- 25 "but grievous words ... up anger," Prov. 15:1.
- 27 "but they that ... truly are his delight" Prov. 12:22.
- 29 "and began to be sorrowful and very ...," Matt. 26:37.
- 31 Newfoundland.
- 34 "and take up his cross ... and follow me," Luke 9:23.
- 36 Also.
- 37 Deer.
- 38 Europe.
- 41 Linnaean Society.
- 43 "that they which could ... should cast themselves first into the sea," Acts 27:43.
- 44 Lieutenant.
- 46 Nova Scotia.
- 48 "but she of ... penury hath cast in all the living that she had," Luke 21:4.



What is "manna"? It is a small round flake about the size of the coriander seed, and white like frost, with a taste like wafers made with honey. See Exodus 10:15. The Arabs claim it exudes from the tamarisk, or "manna" trees found on the Sinaitic peninsula.

Can you describe the lantern used in John 18:3? It was made by stretching oiled canvas around a frame made of wood, or wire. Such lanterns were carried by a servant in front of his master to show him a safe path through unpaved streets.

FROM THE PENS OF GREAT MEN AND WOMEN!

"I hold more strongly than ever to this conviction, deepened and strengthened by long experience, of the reality, the nearness, and the personality of God."

—Gladstone.

"Far be it from me," is a general phrase. Do you know where it originated? From I Samuel 22:15. "Did I then begin to enquire of God for him? be it far from me; let not the king impute anything unto his servant, nor to all the house of my father; for thy servant knew nothing of all this, less or more."

What is the meaning of Genesis? It is the first book of the Old Testament, and literally means, the beginning; or the act and progress of producing or originating. It is also the first book of the five books constituting the Pentateuch.

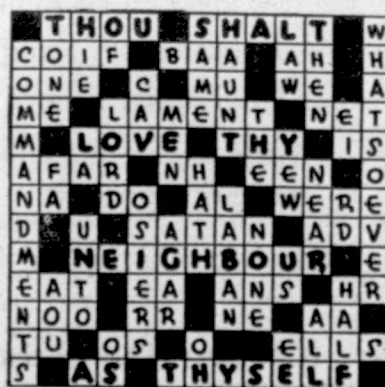
MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE GRADUATES SIXTY-SEVEN

Degrees were awarded this year to the following at the annual commencement on Monday, May 25:

William Alexander, Meridian; Joseph Allmon, Newton; Billy Armstrong, Morton; Nola Kate Ball, Louin; John Bal-
lew, Wanilla; William Bean, Springfield, Mo.; Elmer Bearden, New Orleans, La.; Laney Berry, Newhebron; Marion Blake, Pocahontas; A. L. Busby, Washington, D. C.; Truitt Bush, Pinola; John Purser Bush, Pinola; Joe Canzoneri, Jackson; James Ray Coleman, Jackson; Alvin Collins, Myrtle; N. F. Davis, Tylertown; Louis Dollarhide, Kosciusko; Archie Dun-
away, McComb; Jack England, Crystal Springs; J. W. Fagan, Pell City, Ala.; Eileen Ferguson, Walnut Grove; Buford R. Frazier, Yokena; Wilson Fulton, Neshoba; Henry Goodloe, Flora; Caroline Griffith, Pass Christian; Jimmie Hag-
gard, Louisville; Glenn M. Harbin, New-
ton; Henry Hederman, Jackson; M. L. Henry, Magee; Fred Hurst, Jackson; Al-
bert Sidney Johnston, Jr., Jackson; Lo-
raine Johnston, Jackson; M. B. Knowles, Garlandville; James Ladner, Mathiston; Bobby Lancaster, Bolton; Mary Lee Land, Louin; W. D. Lofton, Brookhaven; Robert Lowrey, Blue Mountain; Orman Mc-
Donald, Meridian; Grace McKinster, Clinton; Martin McKinster, Clinton; Le-
von Moore, Carthage; J. L. Moran, Pica-
yune; Riley Munday, Philadelphia; Paul Nunnery, Arcola; Earline Patridge, Bel-
zoni; Mildred Peeples, Schlater; Sedgie-
Pigott, Tylertown; J. D. Plunkett, Cen-
ter; Doris Price, Clinton; John Robin-
son, Fanning; Ellison Salley, Macon; Roy Sanders, Gallman; Alvin Scott, Aberdeen; Lawrence Seale, Holly Springs; John Shepard, New Orleans, La.; John Steele, Union Church; Jack Townsend, Winona;

49 "preached in his name among all na-
tions, beginning ... Jerusalem,"
Luke 24:47.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE



YOUNG PEOPLE URGED TO AT- TEND MEETING AT MOORHEAD

Sunflower Junior College, Moor-
head, Miss., will be the scene of
the Sunflower County Associational
Young People's meeting on Saturday,
May 30. The young people of all the
churches are urged to be present. The
program will begin at 9:30 and in-
cludes the following: Registration;
Sunday School Program, "Living For
Jesus in Yugoslavia," by John Allen
Moore; Lunch (bring own lunch);
Training Union Hour, "Living For
Jesus in Worthy Church Member-
ship," William Lowry Compree; Rec-
reation; Picnic; Woman's Missionary
Union Auxiliaries; "Living For Jesus
Through Stewardship," Greenville R.
A. chapter; "Yugoslav Boys and Girls
Live For Jesus," by Mrs. John Allen
Moore. The meeting will adjourn at
9:00. There will be a fee of 25c for the
picnic lunch. The directors in charge
are: Rev. Walter B. Price, Cleveland;
J. L. Jenkins, Indianola; Mrs. Horace
Sledge, Sunflower.

BR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

Crystal Springs	339	104
Calvary, Greenwood	103	24
Olive Branch	80	31
Burnsville	38	36
Parkway, Jackson	399	
Griffith, Jackson	744	290
Calvary, Jackson	1040	240
First Church, Jackson	1000	283
Highland, Meridian	250	
Cross Roads (Webster Co.)	74	
Bethlehem, Laurel	112	125
Pinola	24	
Rocky Springs	24	
Bethlehem (Choctaw Co.)	7	
First Church, West Point	361	135
Louisville	287	69
Wallerville	70	53
Bear Creek (Attala Co.)	82	31
Montevista	37	53
West Corinth (May 17)	128	
Pinola (May 17)	46	

Charles Tyler, Itta Bena; Sexton Upton,
Oakvale; Jimmy Walker, Taylorsville;
Walter Wendolkowski, DeFuniak Springs,
Fla.; R. M. Williams, Meridian; Gene
Wirth, Kaufman, Texas; William Ellzey,
Laurel; Eloise McDonald, Meridian; Mal-
colm Sadler, Bainbridge, Ga., and Edith
Sue Williams, Taylorsville.

THE GREAT REVIVALS AND SOUTHERN BAPTIST EVANGELISM
A Survey of the Influence of the Great Revivals of America Upon the Life and Work of Southern Baptists
 From Southern Baptist Handbook 1925
 by E. P. Aldredge, A.M., D.D.
 Baptist Sunday School Board
 Nashville, Tenn.

Note: We have felt it best to allow the two great authorities on this subject, Dr. W. W. Bennett and Dr. J. Wm. Jones, to largely tell the story of this revival in their own words.

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II. HELPFUL INFLUENCES LEADING TO THE REVIVAL

We must not suppose, however, that all the conditions preceding the great revival in the Southern armies, were evil. On the contrary, we know that, in many ways, God was mightily preparing the minds and hearts of the people of the South for one of the greatest manifestations of His saving grace and power ever witnessed in the army life of any section of any great nation in the world's history. Let us note some of these preparatory movements:

1. **The Moral and Religious Challenge of the War.** We have already noted the fact that the Southern people, almost as a unit, entered into the War of the Confederacy with two outstanding and overwhelming convictions (1) that their cause was right and morally unassailable and (2) that the Bible is the Word of God and the great fundamental truths of Christianity are authoritative and binding upon every human soul, whether in peace or in war.

It is a fact, therefore, that the War of the Confederacy was felt to be a distinct challenge both to the morals and to the religion of Southern people, as well as to their constitutional rights and political powers. That they entered into the struggle on this basis is abundantly shown by the public acts and statements, as well as by private letters and conduct of the outstanding leaders in the Confederate Republic.

Witness, for example, the following proclamations from President Jefferson Davis of the Confederate Republic:

"We feel that our cause is just and holy; we protest solemnly in the face of mankind that we desire peace at any sacrifice save that of honor and independence; we ask no conquest; no aggrandizement, no concession of any kind from the States with which we were lately confederated; all we ask is to be let alone; that those who never held power over us shall not now attempt our subjugation by arms. The moment that this pretension is abandoned the sword will drop from our grasp, and we shall be ready to enter into treaties of amity and commerce that cannot but be mutually beneficial. So long as this pretension is maintained, with a firm reliance on that over which covers with its protection the just cause, we will continue to struggle for our inherent right to freedom, independence and self-government.—Jefferson Davis."

Or read again General Order No. 83 from General Lee, dated August 13, 1863:

"The President of the Confederate States has, in the name of the people, appointed the 21st day of August as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer. A strict observance of the day is enjoined upon the officers and soldiers of this army. All military duties, except

such as are absolutely necessary will be suspended. The commanding officers of brigades and regiments are requested to cause divine service, suitable to the occasion, to be performed in their respective commands. Soldiers! we have sinned against Almighty God. We have forgotten His signal mercies, and have cultivated a revengeful, haughty, and boastful spirit. We have not remembered that the defenders of a just cause should be pure in His eyes; that 'our times are in His hands'; and we have relied too much on our own arms for the achievement of our independence. God is our only refuge and our strength. Let us humble ourselves before Him. Let us confess our many sins, and beseech Him to give us a higher courage, a purer patriotism and more determined will; that He will hasten the time when war, with its sorrows and sufferings, shall cease, and that He will give us a name and place among the nations of the earth.—R. E. Lee."

2. **The Great Influence of the Godly Home Life of Many of the People of the South.** Another mighty contributing agency to the great religious awakening which came to the Southern armies was the far-reaching influence of the godly home-life of many of the Southern people. Take, for example, the following excerpts from a letter written by Dr. Robert Ryland, president of Richmond

College, to his son in the army. Who can estimate the influence of the home-life of such a people as this letter reveals, upon their sons and relatives in the army:

"At home, July 17, 1861.

"My Dear Son: It may have seemed strange to you that a professing Christian father so freely gave you, a Christian son, to enlist in the volunteer service. My reason was that I regarded this as a purely defensive war. Not only did the Southern Confederacy propose to adjust the pending difficulties by peaceful and equitable negotiations, but Virginia used again and again the most earnest and noble efforts to prevent a resort to the sword. These overtures having been proudly spurned, and our beloved South having been threatened with invasion and subjugation, it seemed to me that nothing was left us but stern resistance or abject submission to unconstitutional power. A brave and generous people could not for a moment hesitate between such alternatives. A war in defense of our homes and fire-sides—of our wives and children—of all that makes life worth possessing is the result. While I most deeply deplore the necessity for the sacrifice, I could not but rejoice that I had a son to offer to the service of the country, and if I had a dozen I would most freely give them all. As you are now cheerfully enduring the hardships of the camp, I know you will listen to a father's suggestions touching the duties of your new mode of life.

"(1) Take special care of your health. More soldiers die of disease than in battle.

"(2) The rules of war require prompt and unquestioning obedience. You may sometimes think the command arbitrary and the officer supercilious, but it is yours to obey. An undisciplined army

is a curse to its friends and a derision to its foes. Give your whole influence, therefore, to the maintenance of lawful authority and strict order. Let your superiors feel that whatever they intrust to you will be faithfully done. Composed of such soldiers, and led by skillful and brave commanders, our army, by the blessing of God, will never be defeated. It is, moreover, engaged in a holy cause, and must triumph.

"(3) Try to maintain your Christian profession among your comrades, I need not caution you against strong drink as useless and hurtful, nor against profanity, so common among soldiers. Both these practices you abhor. Aim to take at once a decided stand for God. If practicable, have prayers regularly in your tent, or unite with your fellow-disciples in prayer-meetings in the camp. Should preaching be accessible, always be a hearer. Let the world know that you are a Christian. Read a chapter in the New Testament which your mother gave you, every morning and evening when you can, and engage in secret prayer to God for His Holy Spirit to guide and sustain you. I would rather hear of your death than of the shipwreck of your faith and good conscience.

"(4) As you will come into habitual contact with men of every grade, make special associates of those whose influence on your character is felt to be good. . . . Let these be your companions and models. You will thus return

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

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agencies May 1, 1942, is \$1,746,856.26. The following figures show how much each agency paid during the past year and how much remains to be paid on principal of debt: Foreign Mission Board, \$75,000—\$134,500; Home Mission Board, \$410,000—\$440,000; Baptist Bible Institute, \$40,837—\$104,000; Southern Baptist Seminary, \$125,000—\$220,000; Southwestern Baptist Seminary, \$58,151—\$206,848; Southern Baptist Hospital, \$71,000—\$212,000; Convention bonds, \$57,492—\$429,507.

The committee recommends the following ratio of division of Cooperative Program funds for Southwide causes for 1943: Foreign Missions, 50%; Home Missions, 23 1/3%; Relief and Annuity Board, 10 1/3%; Southern Seminary, 4 1/5%; Southwestern Seminary, 4 1/5%; Baptist Bible Institute, 4 1/5%; W. M. U. Training School 0 8/15%; American Baptist Seminary (Negro) 1%; Southern Baptist Hospital, 2 1/5%; total 100%.

The committee recommends the following division of Hundred Thousand Club funds for 1942: Foreign Mission Board, 18%; Home Mission Board, 29 7/10%; Southern Seminary 18 1/3%; Southwestern Seminary, 20 1/3%; Baptist Bible Institute, 12 1/3%; New Orleans Baptist Hospital, 13/10%.

Dr. J. E. Dillard, secretary of promotion of the Executive Committee, reported encouraging progress for the 100,000 Club and urged the Convention to "speed up" so that we can have a debtless denomination by 1945.

Time and Place of Next Meeting

The committee on the time, place and preacher of the next meeting made the following report: Place—Memphis, Tenn.; time—Wednesday, May 12, 1943; preacher—Dr. Jno. H. Buchanan, Alabama; alternate—Dr. Kyle M. Yates, Kentucky.

Tuesday Afternoon Session

Resolutions

The Convention unanimously adopted a resolution urging that there be no diplomatic relations established between this government and the Vatican, as it would endanger the religious liberty enjoyed by this nation and would be a violation of the time-honored principles of Baptists of the absolute separation of church and state.

Another resolution was adopted petitioning the President of the United States, the secretary of war and the secretary of the navy to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors to the soldiers in camp and resenting the rationing of sugar to civilians, when 150,000,000 pounds per year are allowed to go into the manufacture of beer and liquor.

Social Service

The report of the Commission on Social Service was read by Hon. Jno. W. McCall of Memphis, substituting for Hon. Pat Neff. In the report generally are set forth that which the Baptists of the South hold relative to the social life and in this particular report the attitude of Baptists in the present war. This part of the report precipitated an animated debate. It committed Southern Baptists to loyalty to the government and to a discharge of its obligation to mankind. The report stated: "This is an 'all-out' war. The first in the recorded annals of history. We are all at the front and under the bombing planes. The cruel and calculating war makers have brought the war to the doorstep of every home. We did not start this war, but now it is ours. We will end it."

Joint Sessions of Conventions

A committee was appointed to consider the advisability of having in 1944 a joint meeting between the Northern and Southern Conventions. For the committee Dr. M. E. Dodd at this session reported that the committee looks with favor upon such a plan and recommended that the committee be continued to work with the program committee of the Convention to make a program for such a joint meeting.

Church Mission Schools

Dr. John W. Lowe urged the holding of Mission Schools to give information relative to the mission work, with a view of deepening the interest in missions. He urgently recommended that schools of missions be conducted in every association in every state as early as possible.

Non-Resident Church Member Problems

This mooted question is referred to the state secretaries of to be worked out according to their judgment.

Tuesday Night Session

The Radio Committee

Dr. S. F. Lowe, in reporting for the Committee on Radio, said the total cost of the Baptist Hour was \$20,064.20. That this amount will be paid when all the pledges are paid. It was estimated that the weekly audience of the Baptist Hour was 5,000,000. This broadcast has been so enthusiastically received that there is a demand for it to be continued. Provision was made for its continuance.

Foreign Mission Board Report

In this session Dr. C. E. Maddry, the executive secretary, presented the report and addressed the Convention on Foreign Missions. Dr. Maddry named several evidences of a growing missionary spirit among the people. 1. The number of young people who are volunteering to go to the foreign field, but the Board is not able to send them. 2. The men and women of wealth who are adopting missionaries in large numbers, becoming responsible for their expenses for three years. 3. The method of handling the funds is appealing to business men of wealth and they are contributing to it. 4. The large increase in the open doors.

Southern Baptists are already taking steps to meet the need of an enlarged missionary program when the war is over, as set out in a report made by Dr. H. H. Hargrove.

World Emergencies

These are the needs that arose in England several years ago relative to the mission work being carried on by the Baptists in that country and in the war stricken countries to relieve starvation. The committee made report through Dr. Louie D. Newton. The amount to be sent to the English Baptists was a love offering of \$200,000, and the goal set to meet the starvation emergency was \$300,000. The full amount has already been sent to the English Baptists, and more than the goal set for starving China and other nations has already been contributed and it is still growing. This information came to the Convention tonight by Dr. George W. Truett, another member of the committee, who addressed the Convention.

Wednesday (Last Day) Morning Session

Religious Activities

A calendar of activities for the coming year was presented by Dr. W. C. Boone, Kentucky. This is a guide in educational and financial promotion of the major statewide and southwide agencies of Southern Baptists. It will be published in our state paper later.

Public Relations

The report on public relations is that of a committee that works in cooperation with a like committee from the Northern Convention in arranging plans whereby there can be a working basis in matters of mutual interest. An outstanding item just at this time is the matter of chaplains in the army.

The Education Commission

In the report of the Education Commission, made by Chas. D. Johnson of Texas, the following items were culled:

Southern Baptists now have an aggregate of sixty-seven schools with an enrollment of 29,314, including 5,855 in summer school, in which they have a total investment of \$72,599,581.50, including endowment amounting to \$28,869,975.43. They have three theological seminaries and the W. M. U. Training School with enrollment of 1,634; twenty-six senior colleges and universities with enrollment of 12,982; twenty-five junior colleges with enrollment of 7,256; twelve academies with enrollment of 1,597.

Church Music

The maker of the report on church music made one significant statement that may be regarded as a gist of the report. "If jazz music is sung and heard all the week, 'Amazing Grace' cannot be sung on Sunday."

Cooperation and Coordination

This feature of the Convention's work is the effort of a committee to formulate a schedule of activities so that there will not be any overlapping or the extending of one agency into the realm of another, this to apply also in the departments of work

A GREAT COUNTRY CHURCH

In the year 1880 there was, in Yazoo county, a little church called "Blackjack." It had as pastor a strapping young man from Clinton. This young preacher soon went as missionary to Mexico. He became so engrossed in his work there that, after a lapse of many years, he practically forgot the people and places left behind.

The present pastor, Dr. A. A. Kitchings, professor of Modern Languages at Mississippi College, advising with his Blackjack church members, decided to have a homecoming on May 3, 1942. They invited the pastor of long long ago to preach the sermon.

The day arrived, and so did the pastor and the old preacher. He was surprised to find everything so completely changed. In that large audience he did not find one single person, saint or sinner, whom he had left there sixty years before. In the neighborhood still linger two on the brink, one a helpless paralytic, the other also a shut-in, eighty-seven years of age. Their old pastor went to see them both on homecoming day.

Nearby and in plain view is the cemetery, where rest the dust and ashes of two generations of people who have passed on since the old pastor was there. Serious thoughts and emotions filled his breast. His impulse was to remove the shoes from his feet, since he was treading on holy ground.

Mississippi has many strong country churches. We are proud of all of them, for they are nobly doing Kingdom work. In the forefront stands Blackjack church. It is very fortunate in having Dr. Kitchings as pastor. He is most alert and aggressive. The church is going steadily forward under his ministry.

The Blackjack house of prayer is capacious, costly, and by far the most up-to-date country church I ever saw. It would be an ornament to any city. Their roster of members is large. They are undoubtedly the best people of the country. The yare pious, prosperous, and active in every kind of good work. Just now the yare looking forward with pleasure to having another former pastor, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, assist Dr. Kitchings in a meeting this summer.

During the sermon on homecoming day the speaker observed the breathless attention and perfect order of all, both old and young. At the close many came forward to express their appreciation and pleasure with cordial hand clasp and kind words. It was good to be there. Some of us can never forget that memorable occasion at Blackjack church.

J. G. CHASTAIN,
Lexington, Miss.

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The First Baptist Church, San Angelo, Texas, has recently celebrated the first anniversary there of Dr. James W. Middleton. On his anniversary there were all-time high attendance records: 1,522 in Sunday school and 546 in Training Union. In the first year of Dr. Middleton's ministry here, we have had the best year in every respect in the history of the church. There were 421 added to the church, 107 by baptism, total offerings for the year passed \$39,000, largest in the history of the church. All organizations, as well as the preaching services, averaged the highest attendance, for the year, in our history. Dr. Middleton came to San Angelo from Clinton, Mississippi, on Easter Sunday, 1941.—Reporter.

in the local church. The report this morning was made by Dr. M. E. Dodd, Louisiana.

Closing Session

The newly-elected president of the Convention, Hon. Pat M. Neff, addressed the Convention in a most interesting way on "America in the Present World Situation."

Following the address, Mr. Neff was installed as president, which closed a Convention acclaimed by every one, the best.

The Enrollment

It was announced that 4,774 messengers to the Convention had been enrolled, 1,957 of whom were from Texas.

This enrollment compares favorably with the past several years: Birmingham, 1941, 5,884; Baltimore, 1940, 3,776; Oklahoma, 1939, 4,598.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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Last week we printed part of our Southwide president's message to the Convention. We are continuing the remaining portion of it this week. I hope, with all my heart, you will read every word of it. It will give you courage and strength to "carry on" through these days of difficulty.

MESSAGE OF W. M. U. PRESIDENT THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH

Mrs. F. W. Armstrong

(Continued from Last Week)

There was never a greater venture of faith than the missionary enterprise itself, launched on a Galilean mountain-top where stood Jesus and His few chosen disciples looking out on the great stretches of a world about which they knew little. But a few short days before these few had been so discouraged, disheartened and helpless as they saw their Lord on a cross. Their dead hopes had followed His scarred body to the tomb. It is true that their hopes had revived with the Resurrection Morn but they were still bewildered, and they were so few standing there as Jesus said to them, "All power is given unto Me . . . go ye . . . make disciples . . . baptize . . . teach . . . lo, I am with you." But the words had dynamic power founded on their past experience and they did go in faith. The annals of these early messengers and those who followed from apostolic days on through all the early years of the advance of the kingdom are records of the wonderful achievements of faith. Many "had trials of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea moreover, of bonds and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword; they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of whom the world was not worthy); they wandered in deserts and in mountains and in dens and caves of the earth." But the blood of the martyrs became the seed of the church and the kingdom moved forward on the winged feet of faith, steady, glad, triumphant. Naught else but sublime faith could have given to those early messengers the unflinching persistence which characterized their witness to Him "who is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

The saddest chapter in Christian history is that which records the lost radiance of Christianity when believers turned from active witnessing and ministry to single devotion, to pious meditation and penitent prayer as the sole expression of their faith. It is a law of nature, as true in the spiritual realm as in the physical or mental, that expression is essential to life and growth. In the days of the Reformation long before the beginning of the Modern Missionary Movement the voice of a reformer issued to Christianity an insistent call. Said he: "Is it right that we as Christians hold the Gospel for ourselves alone and do not seek to spread it? Is it right that in all places we have so many students of religion and do not induce them to labor elsewhere in the spiritual vineyard of Jesus Christ? Is it right that we Christians expend so much on all sorts of dress, delicacies in eating and drinking and all comforts and luxuries but have hitherto thought of no means for the spread of the Gospel?" Does not this keen perception of the intent and purpose of the Gospel message indicate that there were Christians who were so pricked in their conscience concerning the commission of the Lord, "Go ye," that they sought to awaken their fellow-believers to the sense of responsibility for the world? They must have believed that "faith without works is dead."

Out of this lost radiance came the awakening which we know as the Modern Missionary Movement. One hundred and fifty years ago in the home of the Widow Wallis in Kettering, England,

there was organized "The Particular Baptist Society for Propagating the Gospel Among the Heathen." Even now Baptists in England are engaged in celebration of this significant anniversary, a celebration which will culminate on October 2, the actual date of the organization. We join our British Baptist friends in recognition of this event which has had such a profound influence throughout the world in the years since 1792. Back of the organization are anguish, prayer, powerful preaching chiefly on the part of one man and a few like-minded associates. So simply sometimes do great world-shaking movements start. William Carey was a preacher, school-teacher, cobbler, needing to pursue the latter trade to eke out an existence for himself and his family while he devoted as much time as possible to being pastor of the little Baptist church in Moulton and to meeting with ministers of his faith to talk over their common problems. Having made of the leather with which he habitually worked a globe for teaching his pupils to see the world, studying constantly the Word of God, he soon saw not continents and oceans alone but the teeming multitudes of peoples with no knowledge of the Savior of the world. Then began the hard task of helping his fellow-ministers to see the world as he saw it and to recognize the obligation of Christians to the non-Christian world. It was his great sermon on the theme "Expect great things from God. . . . Attempt great things for God" which finally so stirred his associates that they were moved to organize the missionary society of which William Carey himself consented to be the first missionary. Amidst heavy trials and discouragements he held on in faith, proclaiming the Gospel and translating and printing the Bible through long years in India.

The influence of this movement spread to other continents. The devotion and heroic service of early missionaries found a response in the hearts and lives of Christians at home. Revival fires burned bright. Young life was dedicated to missionary service, money was provided and closed doors were opened. Adoniram and lovely Ann Hasseltine Judson went out to Burma. Their conversion to Baptist beliefs resulted in a great stirring of missionary fervor as Luther Rice went up and down the land telling Baptists about the needs in Burma. David Livingstone in darkest Africa said, "I will place no value on anything I have or may possess except in relation to the Kingdom of Christ." No hardship was too hard a test of his faith. Finally they buried his heart in Africa but his courageous spirit lives on in the fruit of his labor and in young life inspired to similar service.

One hundred years ago J. Lewis and Henrietta Hall Shuck went as first American Baptist missionaries to China. Later Lottie Moon and others, and yet others, a glorious company in lands afar and in our own homeland bore faithful witness. Testimonies of their service bear countless evidences that faith is the victory that overcomes. The churches that unitedly stood behind their witnessing shared the inspiration of the rewards of faith. Whenever and wherever the missionary motive is dominant—be it in the individual life, in church or denomination—there is attendant growth in spiritual life. Increase in numbers and gifts is sure to be noted. Missionary activity is the very pulse of the Christian life, the works which are the expression of faith.

If we are to know "the victory that overcometh the world" we must realize in our personal lives faith that is deep and abiding, faith in Jesus Christ and in His empowering. It was the Apostle Paul who said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." This is the distinctive glory of the Christian's faith, it not only guides but also empowers him. It took a long life of faith-experience to bring the great apostle to this declaration. It was indeed a long road between Saul's (on the

Damascus way) "Who art thou Lord?" to Paul's triumphant, "I can do all things through Christ." If the exercise of faith seems hard for us, let us look at the world the Apostle Paul faced. A celebrated writer has put it thus: "The first teachers of Christianity were treading a path never trodden by anyone before and their work involved the uprooting of habits of sin and idolatry and the dissipation of ideas acquired in childhood. Then there was the moral corruption of great cities; and the Greeks had no taste for moral improvement. The hero of the Greeks was the man who entertained them with sophistry and this was exactly contrary to the Gospel. Christ crucified to them was folly. The difficulty of overcoming the opposition and prejudices of the Jews was enormous for they could only become Christians in company with the heathen and with the certainty of their relatives becoming their enemies and beside this they were banded together by associations of trade and in them the spirit of persecution was innate and hereditary." Certainly naught but the indwelling Christ could have made this man able for anything in the face of such difficulties. It was not inherent ability and imparted ability. It is available not only for the great but for every Christian who will take it as his own. In our personal lives 'this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.'

We have come to this meeting, representatives of missionary organizations in our churches. We have come seeking fellowship one with another in our loved common task, seeking also inspiration to carry on in the midst of a holocaust such as the world has never known. We are conscious of a deeper-than-usual sense of responsibility to our associates at home that we may carry to them every possible bit of inspiration and information that henceforth our united service to the cause of Christian missions may be more productive than ever before. Through programs and mission study our eyes have been opened to the miracle of missions. We know that transformed lives and changed social conditions are the fruits of the Gospel. From John G. Paton, who interpreted Christ to man-eating cannibals that became as gentle as little children under his patient teaching, through the long line of those who presented Christ to pagan peoples, seeing in them the changes which only Christ can make in a life, down to this day when missionaries recount innumerable stories of the changes that faith makes in hearts and lives, we follow this miracle of missions. New devotion quickens our hearts and renews our purpose. Faith in the missionary enterprise inspires a re-avowal of allegiance to the agencies which make such work possible. Their glowing victories are the reward of faith in action.

Fifty years ago when the Christian world was celebrating the centennial of the Modern Missionary Movement, Woman's Missionary Union was a young organization. The records reveal how greatly the mission boards depended upon its auxiliary help in education and in enlisting gifts, the latter to be used chiefly in building chapels in all Southern Baptist Convention mission fields. Among the recommendations from the mission boards is noted, "That the object of the next Christmas offering be the increase of the mission force in Japan." Another recommendation is "That the special occasion of a centennial celebration be made the opportunity of securing a contribution from every young person and child and that this interest be made permanent by enlisting their cooperation in societies and bands." It was in 1893, recounting the victories and failures of the centennial anniversary, that Miss Heck spoke the now familiar words: "Give us the children of today for missions and we take the world for Christ tomorrow. . . . Teach that child to think God's thoughts for the

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Baptist Training Union

AIM—Training in Church Membership
AUBER J. WILDS, State Secretary

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Sugar Is Scarce

Yes, sugar is scarce, just a half pound a week for the richest or the poorest, but the Word of God is plentiful, and FREE. Listen what the psalmist says—"How sweet are Thy words to my taste! Yea, sweeter than the honey to my mouth!" We can make the world sweeter by giving out the Word of God. In the giving we become also a receiver. And what is the task of the Christian but to give out the Word, and what is the task of the Training Union with each unit organization but to teach Christians HOW to "rightly divide the Word of truth." Let us work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work!

New Prospect In Lafayette Organizes

We are happy to report the organization of the fully graded Training Union at New Prospect church in Lafayette County. Mr. A. T. Woodruff, superintendent of the school of that community, was chosen as the director. Mr. Woodruff has had experience in the work and so enters upon this new task with knowledge of the work and an interest that assures success. This is but one of the number of Training Unions Mr. Woodruff as associational director plans to set up in the association. We will be interested to note the additions as they are made. We congratulate the church and the community on having such a leader in the church and in the school.

Missionary From Africa To Speak In Lafayette County

The June meeting of the Lafayette County Association will be held at Anchor Church, 11 miles south of Oxford on Highway No. 7 June 14, 3:00 in the afternoon. The guest speaker for the occasion is Miss Amanda Tinkle, one of our representatives to Africa. Miss Tinkle will be serving in the G. A. and R. A. camps, and will make this engagement in Lafayette County between camp engagements. How fine it is for our people to have the privilege of hearing first hand reports of the work we are so much interested in around the world. The churches will no doubt give her a good hearing. It will be strange if every Baptist in Lafayette County who knows about this opportunity does not take advantage of it.

Improve In Marion Elects Director

Thanks to Brother James B. Ray, pastor of the Improve Church in Marion County for the report of the newly elected director of their Training Union. Professor C. J. Lambert is the one chosen for this important post, and all indications point to a progressive training program in this good church.

Had You Heard?

Have you heard? The question needs to be finished! Have you heard about the District Training Union Conventions? If not drop us a card and let us tell you all about it. They will be in July this year. We thought that would help some of our busy farmers to attend, and we certainly want them to attend. And too, there will be less conflicts with Vacation Bible Schools. We are trying to co-operate with all interests. July 1 through July 17 are the days. One a day excluding Sundays. This department will carry a statement about the convention each week.

Statement number one—One day meeting, three sessions, morning (beginning at ten) afternoon, and night (closing at nine.) All are urged to attend. The registration fee will be 25c but will not be required. Those who care to will pay, others are just as welcome.

Two New Associational Directors

Copiah Association and Rankin Association have recently elected directors. Miss Amelia Geiselbreth of Terry has been chosen to lead the Copiah Union and Mr. J. A. Joudon of Pearson takes over the work of Rankin. We congratulate these leaders on the honor bestowed upon them in their election, and we believe the associations have chosen well their leaders. The choice should inspire the full co-operation of all churches.

Sturgis B. A. U.

Mrs. Tommie Hamill, reporting for the Adult Union of Sturgis gives us this splendid report. Their enrollment is 22 and during the month of March the union made a grade of 82 per cent plus. They are proud of one of the members who for the entire life of the union has had a 100 per cent record. In April Brother E. D. Estes, one of our state evangelists, taught this union a study course using the book THE GROWING CHRISTIAN as the text. Twenty of the twenty-two

STUDENT URGES YOUNG PEOPLE'S REVIVALS

Pastors, are your young people spiritually asleep??? Then what your church needs is a Young People's Revival. This is not intended to take the place of your regular revival, but it has proven to be an important supplement to that revival. The group is usually composed of four young people. Some groups have four boys, some have two boys and two girls. Of course, it is easy to get a larger or smaller group as the situation requires.

Just a word now about the usual program. Most groups have the following: Morning watch, morning preaching service, an afternoon of planned visitation with young people of the church helping, a prayer meeting or discussion group, followed by the evening preaching service. To know each other better and have good Christian fellowship, they have friendship circle after the evening service.

Of course, the adults are invited and urged to attend every service; however, the emphasis is upon enlisting young people. To win the lost to Christ and to show the Christians that Christianity is practical, that they need to be consecrated, is the aim of such groups. Remember—no one can reach a young person better than another young person. Pastors, if you love your young people and want them to be revived, I challenge you to have a Youth Revival this summer.

The State B. S. U. Council has appointed me to have charge of this part of our summer work, and if you would like to have a group in your church this summer, or want more information, please write me at once.

Now a word to the young people of the state: I would like to have each group formed in the state to notify me. I have the names of girls who would like to be in a group. If you are considering having girls in your group and would like to have the names of capable and interested girls, I'll be happy to send them to you.—Tom Douglas, State B. S. U. Third Vice President, Box 312, Clinton, Miss.

members were enrolled in the class and nineteen completed it, taking the examination and receiving the seal. Brother A. H. Childress, pastor of the church, is justly proud of this union.

Pleasant Ridge In Attala Organizes

We are very much encouraged over the way our associational organizations are carrying forward the work. Here is another associational director reporting a newly organized union. This time it is Mr. Granville Myrick, associational director of Attala County and the church is Pleasant Ridge. Three unions come to life here, an adult with Mr. Sam Ryan as president; an Intermediate with Mrs. H. B. England as leader, and a Junior with Mrs. John M. Burnley as leader. Mr. John M. Burnley was chosen as the director. Mr. Burnley had served in this capacity in another church in the association before moving to this community so he is qualified for the place by experience. Mr. Myrick is also busy ministering to other churches, teaching study courses, organizing unions, arranging programs, etc., thus keeping the Training Union work moving forward in the association.

RETIRING FROM CLARKE COLLEGE FACULTY

Of particular interest to his many friends in various parts of the South is the fact of the retirement of Dr. F. D. Graves from the Clarke College faculty of Newton, Mississippi. A consecrated Christian, patriotic American, and an energetic worker would certainly be descriptive of this noble Southern gentleman.

He was born in Russellville, Alabama, and attended public schools in that state. His college study includes State Teachers College, Florence, Alabama, and the University of Alabama where he received his M. S. degree. He also received the honorary degree of LL.D. from a college in Texas in 1918.

His teaching experiences were varied with work being done from the one-room school to the college, and also includes the presidency of Jacksonville College, Jacksonville, Texas. For twelve years he has been a member of the Clarke College faculty, and has had a weighty influence on the lives of students who have "darkened the doors" of this institution. His good citizenship lectures are outstanding.

Dr. Graves has had membership in the Kappa Delta Phi for twenty years, and during that time has been nominated and confirmed by the Mathematical Association of America, and American Association of Science.

His patriotism is proven by the fact that he has volunteered his services to the U. S. army.

Clarke College loses a man who has faithfully served her; and whose appointments are his disappointments; and whose joys are his joys. Memories of his life shall ever echo in the halls of Clarke College.

—BR—

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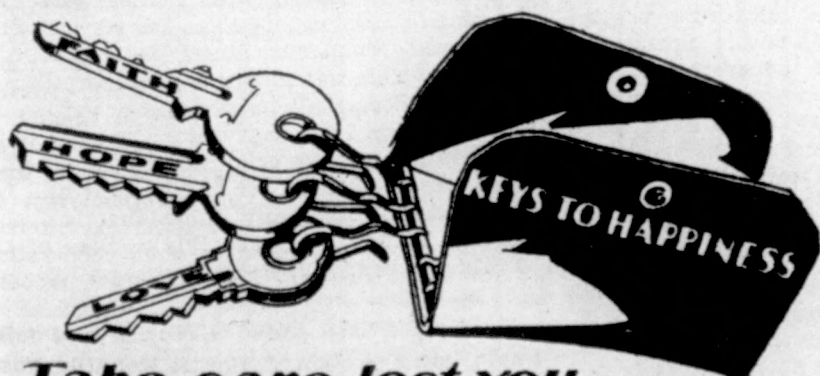
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MESSAGE OF W. M. U. PRESIDENT

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nations ere yet the clash of nations dull his ear to the calling Father's voice. . . . Let each Woman's Missionary Society feel that on it devolves the imperative duty of gathering the children into circles of their own and teaching them of missions. Let this become a part of the society's very life work." Thus early was the auxiliary relationship of Woman's Missionary Union to the Southern Baptist Convention recognized and accepted; thus early was the vital matter of missionary education of young people emphasized. The reports of today merit careful study and comparison with those of recent years that we may judge how fully this very life work of the society is being recognized as an imperative duty. We but need to look at the glorious achievements recorded in our missionary education program for young people to realize how largely fruitful it can be with more devoted fostering. Is it unreasonable that we should have a minimum of four auxiliary organizations for young people for each Woman's Missionary Society? Considering the vast number of our churches that have two Girls' Auxiliaries and two Royal Ambassador chapters it does not seem unreasonable to expect an average of four auxiliary organizations for each W. M. S. This would require an increase of some twenty-three thousand organizations for young people, which may sound like a staggering figure but which would be possible if each Woman's Missionary Society would recognize in the words of Miss Heck "that on it devolves the imperative duty of gathering the children and young people in circles of their own and teaching them missions." The response of young people is never a problem. Have we faith in God and in our own ability to raise up and train leaders for them? A great victory for missions is sure if we work faithfully. "Faith without works is dead."

The times in which we live are a trial to faith but they are a challenge to missionary passion. A magazine of high standing and nation-wide circulation carried recently an editorial headed "The Light That Failed." Its first startling question was "Is the church's failure to teach absolute spiritual values undermining our civilization?" It said that the central doctrine of the political system in the United States is the inviolability of the individual, a doctrine inherited from 1900 years of Christian insistence on the immortality of the soul and avowed that democracy is not a form of government but a spirit. In order for humanity to progress, said the editorial, it must believe. The editorial then resolved itself into a clarion call to preachers to assume their rightful spiritual leadership. You and I know that undoubtedly the child is father to the man. Where, we ask, does the child get his spiritual concepts? The answer is from the home. Are we justified in the conviction that one chief reason the world has gone so awry, one chief reason that our citizenship has failed to be taught absolute spiritual values, is that the Christian home has failed in its highest function? Re-establishment of the Family Altar with all the sacred things that are the accompaniment and outgrowth of it would serve to recapture the sense of absolute spiritual values the loss of which the great magazine says is undermining our civilization. Shall we as women assume our rightful responsibility in this re-Christianizing of our homes? It requires moral stability, steadfastness of purpose and infinite planning. One Christian home is leaven in any community, if it be not merely nominally Christian but genuinely Christian in its ideals, in its standards and in its products. Several such homes will lift community morale and so set spiritual values that ultimately our civilization will be under-girded with the righteousness that exalteth a nation.

Jesus once said to His disciples, "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place and it shall remove." He was trying to teach them the wonder-working power of faith. It is a lesson each of us must learn. How large is your faith? Is it large enough to remove mountains of indifference and difficulty in your own heart and life, in your home, your church, in your association or district? Claim the promise on which Joshua and the host of Israel moved, "Be strong and of good courage

PARCHMAN

Rev. M. E. Perry, State Evangelist, came to Parchman for the first week in May. Services were held in all camps and as there are twenty-one preaching points he gave three or more services per day, in order to reach every person.

There are 2,583 prisoners of which 430 are white, and his messages were well received by all.

As a climax to these services the last one was held for employees on the beautiful lawn of the superintendent's home at 5:30 p. m.

We feel that the good accomplished will be of lasting benefit to all. Brother Perry is a preacher of ability, sincerity and power with a splendid personality and thoroughly dedicated to the task of soul-winning. Any church will be better because of his services.

A. L. O'BRIANT, Chaplain.
—BR—

"THE RODEO"

Blue Mountain College campus was alive with "westerners," as the B. S. U. social committee prepared for its big annual picnic. This year, the picnic turned out to be a "rodeo" with lively broncos, beautiful "cowgirls," and even a horse show. The day of the picnic, faculty and students reported to their respective ranch headquarters on the lawn. Each B. Y. P. U. had adopted a name, such as "Bar-T-U," "Rancho Grande," "Diamond Horse-shoe," "Silver Creek," Circle N," and "Tuxis." As guests arrived, each was "branded" on the forehead with their "ranch insignia." The guests proceeded toward the "Blue Vista Corral" singing western songs and following a wagon of cowboy musicians. The different ranches took their places around the "corral" where unique contests were held in keeping with the "western" atmosphere. At the conclusion of the fun the refreshments were served from the "chuckwagons" in "handout" style.—Ruth Garcia, B. S. U. reporter.

PLAN REVEALED FOR STATEWIDE EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

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ing the campaign in that association.

Local church services will begin the first Sunday night and continue through the week, closing on Friday or the following Sunday morning, according to the will of the church. Services will be held morning, afternoon and night as desired by the local church.

"Andrew Clubs" will meet in connection with the day services.

Mississippi Negro Baptists will be informed regarding this plan and they will be urged to put on an intensive evangelistic statewide campaign among their own people.

At the Evangelistic Committee meeting where these plans were made, the church and the people of Clinton were thanked by said committee for their splendid entertainment of visitors at the preceding Evangelistic Conference.

The plans for this Statewide Evangelistic Campaign were presented to the 1941 Mississippi Baptist Convention by the Evangelistic Committee, composed of C. E. Patch, Baldwin; J. A. Stewart, Clarksdale; O. P. Estes, Picayune; P. D. Bragg, Carthage, and D. A. McCall.

The Committee on Review, made up of W. L. Meadows, Quitman; J. H. Street, Hazlehurst; J. D. Thompson, Booneville; W. C. Howard, Water Valley; Claude Bowen, Jackson; D. A. Hogan, Purvis; and J. B. Smith, Holalndale, reported favorably to the Convention, and the Convention put itself behind the plan.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board composed of 71 members at its annual session in Jackson in December added its weight and voice to the Evangelistic Campaign.

Members of the joint committees setting forth the above details in their meeting on April 30 in Jackson were: H. L. Martin, Senatobia; Judson Chastain, Lexington; A. C. Parker, Petal; A. S. Johnston, Jackson; D. T. Cranford, Charleston; W. L. Compere, Belzoni; L. E. Greene, Pascagoula; F. B. Bookter, McComb; W. L. Meadows, Quitman; G. O. Parker, Magee, and F. M. Purser, Oxford. Absent members: James B. Leavell, Leland; L. W. Ferrell, Jackson; F. K. Horton, Columbia, and W. A. Sullivan, Natchez.

for Jehovah thy God is with thee." The mission cause is His cause and He will not suffer it to see defeat. Our times and our task call for large faith. Following our days of fellowship and inspiration we shall go back to the tasks of the everyday. You may feel that if you could do your work in the midst of inspiring associates you could have courage for anything. You may feel that if you could do big things they would seem worth the doing but that the small regular things seem humdrum, uninteresting. Jesus said, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much." With the apostle Paul we can say, if we will, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." It is victory that we desire, victory over self and the world, victory for the coming kingdom. It is for this end we work, it is for this that we are "laborers together with God." "This is the victory that overcometh, even our FAITH."

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON

"The easy roads are crowded;

And the level roads are jammed;

The pleasant little rivers,

With drifting folks are crammed.

But off yonder where it's rocky,

Where you get a better view,

You will find the ranks are thinning,

And the travelers are few.

Where the going's smooth and pleasant,

You will always find the throng,

For the many, more's the pity,

Seem to like to drift along.

But the steeps that call for courage,

And the task that's hard to do,

In the end results in glory

For the never-wavering few!"

—Edgar A. Guest.

II

This is the last issue of The Baptist Record before a stupendous event in Mississippi Baptist life takes place. We refer to paying off the \$123,500 bonds called June 1st.

Let every Mississippi Baptist have a part!

Let all treasurers see that we get every dollar possible from every possible source on June 1st.

Make it true—"Like a mighty army moves the church of God."

ESCATAWPA: We had a great prayer service Thursday night, the greatest number present since we came to Escatawpa. After the service, we came home and found our dining table stacked with groceries. This was indeed a great surprise. Jesus said, our needs shall be supplied according to His riches in glory. I feel that it was the spirit of Christ in the hearts of these good people that caused them to do this great deed for their pastor and family. This is one of the many things that is done by a working W. M. U. I take this method of saying, "Thanks to you."—V. C. Windham, pastor.

—BR—

BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE: In the recent annual student election, J. Hardee Kennedy, pastor of churches in Clarke and Jasper counties, in Mississippi, was elected president of the student body organization.—Reporter.

THE GREAT REVIVAL
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from the dangers of camp without a blemish on your name.

"(5) Should it be your lot to enter into an engagement with the enemy, lift up your heart in secret ejaculations to the ever-present and good Being, that He will protect you from sudden death; or, if you fall, that He will receive your departing spirit, cleaned in the blood of Jesus into His kingdom. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes. Commit your eternal interests, therefore to the keeping of the Almighty Saviour. You should not, even in the hour of deadly conflict, cherish personal rage against the enemy, any more than an officer of the law hates the victim of the law. . . . It is more important that we should exhibit a proper temper in this unfortunate contest, because many professed Christians and ministers of the gospel at the North are breathing out in their very prayers and sermons, threatenings and slaughter against us! Oh! how painful that a gray-headed pastor should publicly exclaim, 'I would hang them as soon as I would shoot a mad dog.'

"(6) Providence has placed you in the midst of thoughtless and unpardoned men. What a beautiful thing it would be if you could win some of them to the Saviour! Will you not try? You will have many opportunities of speaking a word in season. The sick, you may comfort; the wavering, you may confirm; the backslidden, you may reclaim; the weary and heavy laden, you may point to Jesus for rest to the soul.

"And now, as a soldier has but little leisure, I will not occupy you longer. Be assured that every morning and evening we remember you, at the family altar to our Father in Heaven. We pray for a 'speedy, just, and honorable peace,' and for the safe return of all volunteers to their loved homes. All the children speak often of 'brother,' and hear your letters read with intense interest. That God Almighty may be your shield and your exceeding great reward is the constant prayer of your loving father.

"Robert Ryland."

3. Certain Outstanding Officers in the Army Wielded a Mighty Influence for Christ Among the Soldiers. For in spite of the fact set out above, that the majority of the officers in the Southern army were at the beginning of the war at least, ungodly and many of them immoral men, Dr. J. Wm. Jones, chaplain in Lee's army of Northern Virginia and secretary of the Southern Historical Society, was led to say: "No army, with whose history I am acquainted at least, was ever blessed with so large a proportion of high officers who were earnest Christian men. . . ." Then he goes on to say: "We had at first such specimens of the Christian soldier as R. E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, D. H. Hill, T. R. Cobb, A. H. Colquitt, Kirby Smith, J. E. B. Stuart, W. N. Pendleton, John B. Gordon, C. A. Evans, A. M. Scales, 'Willie' Pegram, Lewis Minor Coleman, Thomas H. Carter, Carter Braxton, Charles S. Venable, and a host of others too numerous to mention. And during the progress of the war Generals Ewell, Pender, Hood, R. H. Anderson, Rhodes, Paxton W. H. S. Baylor, Colonel Lamar, and a number of others of our best officers professed faith in Christ." And these, be it remembered, were all from the army of Northern Virginia; whereas many of the leading officers in the other Southern armies were also outstanding and influential Christian men. In the absence of a sufficient number of chaplains in some portions of the army, the regular officers, in some cases, took upon themselves the obligation of providing for the religious welfare of the soldiers. And, almost without an exception such officers lived to witness a great re-

ligious revolution come over their brigades or companies.

"Some of our ablest generals," Dr. Jones goes on to say, "are men who have dropped the gown of the Christian for the apparel of the soldier. Polk was a bishop, Pendleton a clergyman, D. H. Hill a religious author, Jackson a dignitary of the church, while scores of others occupying subordinate positions, are equally well known for their devotion at the shrine of Christianity.

"More than almost any man I ever met, Stonewall Jackson accepted fully the precious promises of God's Word; walked in a living faith in Jesus; and was guided by the star of (religious) hope as he trod the path of duty. How far the glorious revivals with which we were favored were in answer to the prayers, and in blessings on the efforts of Stonewall Jackson, and to what extent his influence was blessed to individuals (soldiers) eternity alone can reveal."

Just how anxious were some of these generals that the soldiers in the field should not be neglected—that they should have every opportunity to hear the Gospel—may be judged from the following intense appeal of General John B. Gordon:

"Camp near Orange Court House, Virginia, September 6, 1863.

"Brother Dickinson: Why is it that our good people at home, of the various denominations, are not sending more missionaries to the army? Every effort is made to supply the soldiers with 'creature comforts,' and I believe you find little difficulty in raising money to furnish religious reading to the army—but why is it so few preachers are sent us? They have either concluded that soldiers are so 'demoralized' that it is useless to preach to them, or else there is criminal indifference on this subject. They cannot, after all that has been written on this point, be ignorant of the fact that there is a great lack of ministers in the army—that many whole brigades of one or two thousand men are without a chaplain and rarely hear a sermon.

"Let them (the preachers at home) beware lest, while they look upon the soldiers as too 'demoralized' to be benefited by preaching, the soldiers ascertain that they are the 'demoralized' portion of the army of the Cross.

"I close by telling you, that in the last few weeks nearly two hundred in this single brigade have been added to the different churches. Yours, etc. J. B. Gordon."

4. The Distribution of the Bibles and Personal Work. "The loudest calls from the soldier camps," says Dr. Bennett, in writing of the first year of the war, "was for the Holy Scriptures, and the most earnest efforts were made to meet the demand. But owing to the stringency of the blockade, and to the poor facilities in the South for the printing of the Bible, we were never able to put a copy into every hand that was stretched out for one. The Bible Society of the Confederate States, organized at Augusta, Ga., in March, 1862, and the State Bible Societies already in existence, labored nobly to provide for the wants of the country."

It was found necessary, however, to appeal to the British and Foreign Bible Society again and again for aid in supplying copies of the Word of God to the soldiers. And this society never turned away the appeals. Early in October, 1862, and later, this society sent over great shipments of Bibles and Testaments and did much to supply this crying need in the Southern armies and, as a direct consequence, gave a most powerful impetus to the great revival which soon swept over to the Southern army camps and battlefields.

The Western Publishing House (a Southern Baptist institution), issued an

edition of the Bible the first year of the war, a copy of which President Davis carried with him all during the war and his long and cruel imprisonment. The American Bible Society made also a number of large and timely donations of Bibles and Testaments—one of 20,000 Testaments made through the Baptist Sunday School Board, then located at Memphis, Tenn.,—which greatly helped to supply the need of copies of the Word of God. But so anxious were the soldiers in the field for Bibles that the chaplains in the army finally appealed to the people at home to send all the Bibles and Testaments which could be spared from the homes of the people, to the soldiers at the front. And thousands of Southern homes responded to this call.

The eager desire of the soldiers to possess the Bible is worthy of permanent record, and the war abounded with the most touching incidents illustrative of their appreciation of the holy volume.

During a skirmish some of the men were ordered to the front as sharpshooters, and directed to lie on the ground and load and fire as rapidly as possible. After a short time the ammunition of one of these men was expended, and though his position was very dangerous as it was, it would have been certain death to procure a fresh supply. "In this condition," says an eye witness, "this soldier drew from his pocket his Bible, and while the balls were whizzing about him, and cutting the grass at his side, quietly read its precious pages for a few moments, and then closed his eyes as if engaged in prayer."

The Missionary and Colportage Work of the Churches in Army Camps and Battlefields. Here again we must let Dr. Wm. W. Bennett, himself a noted chaplain in the Confederate army and superintendent of the Soldiers Tract Society (Methodist) largely tell the story:

"Receiving but a pittance from the societies that employed them, subsisting on the coarse and scanty fare of the soldiers, often sleeping on the wet ground, following the march of the armies through cold or heat, though dust or mud, everywhere were these devoted men to be seen scattering the leaves of the Tree of Life. Among the sick, the wounded, and the dying, on the battlefields and in the hospitals, they moved,

consoling them with tender words, and pointing their drooping spirits to the hopes of the gospel. The record of their labors is the record of the army revival; they fanned its flame and spread it on every side by their prayers, their conversations, their books, and their preaching. They went out from all the churches, and labored together in a spirit worthy of the purest days of our holy religion.

"The number of religious tracts and books distributed by the colporteurs, chaplains, and missionaries in the army, we can never know. But as all the churches were engaged in the work of printing and circulating, it is not an over-estimate to say that hundreds of millions of pages were sent out by the different societies. And, considering the facilities for printing in the south during the war, we may safely assert that never were the soldiers of a Christian nation better supplied with such reading as maketh wise unto salvation; and certainly, never amidst circumstances so unpropitious to human view, did fruits so ripe, so rich, so abundant, spring up so quickly from the labors of Gods servants.

"Earliest in the important work of colportage was the Baptist Church, one of the most powerful denominations in the South. In May, 1861, at the General Association of the Baptist churches in Virginia, vigorous measures were adopted for supplying the religious wants of the army.

"And in 1865, in reviewing the blessed work of saving souls amid the bloody scenes of four gloomy years, the Board said:

"Millions of pages of tracts have been put in circulation, and thousands of sermons delivered by the sixty missionaries whom we Baptists (Virginia) have sent to our brave armies. If it could be known by us here and now how many souls have been saved by this agency,

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Ridgecrest Buses

Applications are coming in for a place on a bus to Ridgecrest for Sunday School Week, July 11-17. The total transportation cost on one of these buses is only \$7.50 from Jackson back to Jackson. The buses will leave Jackson about 5:00 o'clock Saturday morning, July 11, and will go by way of Meridian, Birmingham, Chattanooga, and Asheville, and will return by way of Greenville, Atlanta, Montgomery, arriving in Jackson Sunday night, July 19. Send in your request for a reservation just as soon as you can. Let's make it the greatest Sunday School Week ever for Mississippi.

Libraries

We are always pleased to know of any church organizing a library. Many of our people do not have easy access to many books. A church library offers a wonderful opportunity for our boys and girls, as well as men and women, to read some of the very best books available. The Sunday School Board is continuing its offer of free books to any church that will start a library. A leaflet explaining how these free books may be secured will be gladly sent on request.

The churches in Mississippi that organized libraries in April, together with the librarians, are given below: Priceville, Miss Annie Fay Alexander; Salem, Miss Irene Ellzey; Sturgis, Miss Mary Fay Hamill; Black Jack, Mrs. Rossa Pepper; Crystal Springs, Miss Irma Hampton; Eudora, Mrs. M. C. Rippey.

In the March totals of libraries reporting, we note that 31 made reports giving a total of 5,129 books in these libraries, with 100 having been added during the month and 713 were borrowed. That represents lots of good reading and surely blessings indeed to many lives. We feed our minds as well as our bodies; therefore, our minds become the product of the feeding we give them just as surely as our bodies are the result of what we feed them. Let's give our people every opportunity to have the finest literature and books available for their good.

Training

The number of reports on Sunday School training classes that have been reaching us within recent weeks has been encouraging, and especially the fact that many of these have reported large classes. Another helpful feature of our training program is the fact that many of our schools are promoting regular department training programs, using the department books throughout, with local talent teaching. This gives a fine opportunity for the workers to learn of the particular phases of the age group in which they work. We can never put too much emphasis on this very vital part of our work because it deals with the matter of knowledge of the work, which is as necessary to the successful promotion of a well-balanced Sunday School as it is for anything else.

Remember, that blanks for reporting your training classes will be gladly sent upon request. If your church has not had a training course in 1942, do not fail to make your plans to have one at the very earliest date possible. If these study periods have meant so much to so many of our schools, and have enabled them to reach higher planes of Bible teaching, they will mean the same also to other schools if they will make them a regular and definite part of their yearly work.

Vacation Bible Schools

Reports of 1942 Vacation Schools are already coming in. Of course, there are not many schools held in May, but it is a fine time for a number of our churches to have them. The latest churches to send in reports are Purvis, Rev. D. A. Hogan, pastor; West Corinth, Rev. Dewey Wallis, pastor; McCall Creek, Rev. John R. Cobb, pastor. June is about here, which is the greatest of all the months for Vacation Bible Schools in the majority of churches, so let's not fail to push it to the limit to have a school in every church possible. They certainly deserve a worthy place in the program of every church.

Standards

The Mantee School, Rev. John W. Cook, pastor, L. L. George, superin-

LET'S RETHINK RELIGION

Dear Brother Goodrich:

As the wife of a shut-in and the mother of a son in the service at sea (I know not where), I listen eagerly to the news and think a great deal about the world struggle.

I am deeply impressed with the need of religion. It was failure to apply Christian principles to everyday living that brought on this war. And we are fighting for the principle of living in a civilization based on Christian ideals.

So let's put religion first. But let us distinguish between the essence of religion and the conventional form. We must snap out of the ruts of religious form if we are to meet the present religious needs.

As I listen over the radio to a discussion of the shortage of tires, gasoline, and transportation facilities, of even railroads, I am impressed with the need of re-thinking religious activities and assemblages. It would be tragedy if we should let religious activities slow down the world war effort for religious freedom.

I am often impressed with how much religious work can be done in connection with one's daily task. Mr. Adams, who delivers our groceries, brings in Christian faith as well as groceries. When a day or two ago I spoke of the continuous rains, he expressed the belief that the amount of rain the Lord sent was exactly the amount it was best for Him to send. I replied, "You BELIEVE IN the Lord."

Cordially,
MRS. THEODOSIA S. LOWREY.
(Mrs. W. T. Lowrey.)

tendent, has become standard. We appreciate this application and thank these fine leaders with their associates for this good work.

Congratulations! A standard and a wedding!

A letter from Philadelphia brings an application for standard recognition for the Pure Gold Intermediate class for the second consecutive quarter. The letter also states that their efficient and consecrated teacher, the former Miss Zola M. Brewer, has "after thinking the matter over in helping Uncle Sam care for his soldiers, on March 19, adopted one of the boys for life." Mrs. Colon L. Hathaway (now), will remain at Philadelphia for the present, carrying on her good work among the Indians, and teaching that fine class of girls at the First Church.

Intermediate Books To Lend

A postal card with the promise to read, write up the questions for the award, and return promptly when finished, will bring either of the Intermediate Sunday School books: "The Art of Teaching Intermediates", or "Intermediate Sunday School Work." Write to John Farmer, Enterprise. Thanks!

Church Buildings

The architectural department of the Sunday School Board has free leaflets on remodelings, enlarging, planning, furnishing, and beautifying church buildings of all sizes and types. We shall be glad to mail any of these leaflets to any one requesting them. It is so easy to make a mistake in planning and building our churches. Let's take advantage of the knowledge of this important phase of our work that has been gathered by the architects of the Sunday School Board. We need more space, but we also need it to be wisely planned. Use this information for your own church if you are planning to build or remodel.

Touching the Bases

By Fred R. Langley
Soldiers and Defense Projects Service

Mississippi Baptist churches in camp areas are not only rendering a spiritual service to the men in army training centers, but in many cases are furnishing clean, wholesome recreation. Some soldier centers in our churches are opened each night during the week and are serving good groups of soldiers nightly. In many reported instances our pastors and workers are giving aid far beyond the expectations of our soldier service program. "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:9.

COLLINS: Salem Baptist Church, just east of town, sent a school bus to Camp Shelby after a group of thirty-three soldiers on Mother's Day, entertaining the boys in their homes and returning them to camp after the evening worship. Government transportation was not available for the trip. Homecoming Day was observed here last Sunday.—J. Reese Rogers, Pastor. "A man's heart deviseth his way; but the Lord directeth his steps." Proverbs 16:9.

SAN FRANCISCO: One paragraph from a letter from the American Baptist Home Mission Society reads: "We thank you most heartily for the information which you gave us and for the fine spirit of cooperation we are finding in general on the part of our Southern Baptist brethren."—M. E. Bratcher, director of Ministry to Service Men. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Psalm 133:1.

JACKSON: Our State Mission secretary, D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, accepted an invitation last Sunday to preach to the soldiers at the Jackson Air Base Chapel.

Mail from home—and because it is so important we print recent instruction regarding same issued by the War Department—to insure prompt handling of overseas mail. Address plainly, print if necessary, show rank, full name, army serial number (if known), company or organization, name of regiment or battalion (if known), army postoffice number and in care of the appropriate postmaster. DO NOT give overseas location, but be sure to place return address on all mail. "Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand." Galatians 6:11.

Churches having special soldier days or rendering special services to military men will do this department a favor by sending information to Baptist Headquarters, Jackson, Mississippi. "... publish and conceal not" Jeremiah 50:2.

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THE GREAT REVIVAL (Continued from Page Thirteen)

doubtless the announcement would fill us with surprise and rejoicing. Hundreds and thousands, we verily believe, have in this way obtained the Christians hope, and are now occupying some place in the great vineyard of the Lord, or have gone up from the strife and sorrow of the earth to the peaceful enjoyments of the heavenly home."

"The Evangelical Tract Society, organized in the city of Petersburg, Va., in July, 1861, by Christians of the different denominations, was a most efficient auxiliary in the great work of saving souls. It was ably officered, and worked with great success in the publication and circulation of some of the best tract reading that appeared during the war."

"The Presbyterian Board of Publication, under the direction of Rev. Dr. Leyburn and other ministers of that church, entered the field and did faithful service in the good cause. The regular journals of that denomination, a monthly paper—"The Soldiers' Visitor," specially adopted to the wants of the army, Bibles, Testaments, and most excellent tracts in vast numbers, were freely sent forth to all the camps and hospitals from their center of operations."

"The Virginia Episcopal Mission Committee heartily united in the work, and spent thousands of dollars per annum in sending missionaries to the army, and in printing and circulating tracts. Rev. Messrs. Gatewood and Kepler, of the Protestant Episcopal church, were the zealous directors of operations in Virginia, while in other states such men as Bishop Elliott, of Georgia; Doctor, now Bishop Quintard, of Tennessee; and the lamented General Polk, gave the weight of their influence and the power of their eloquence, written and oral to promote the cause of religion among our soldiers."

"At Raleigh, N. C., early in the war, Rev. W. J. W. Crowder commenced the publication of tracts, encouraged and assisted by contributions from all classes of persons. In less than a year he reported: 'We have published, of thirty different tracts, over 5,000,000 pages, more than half of which we have given away, and the other half we have sold at about the cost of publication—1,500 pages for one dollar.' This gentleman continued his labors in this good work throughout the war, and furnished millions of pages of the best tracts for army circulation."

"The Soldiers' Tract Association, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized and went into operation in March, 1862, and became a valuable auxiliary in the work of colportage and tract distribution. By midsummer it had put in circulation nearly 800,000 pages of tracts, and had ten efficient colporteurs in the field. Its operations steadily in-

creased to the close of the war; and besides the dissemination of millions of pages of excellent religious reading, with thousands of Bibles and Testaments, two semi-monthly papers were issued, 'The Soldiers' Paper' at Richmond, Va., and 'The Army and Navy Herald,' at Macon, Ga., 40,000 copies of which were circulated every month throughout the armies. "In addition to these, there were other associations of a like character successfully at work in this wide and inviting field."

"The Georgia Bible and Colportage Society, Rev. F. M. Haygood, agent, was actively engaged in the work of printing and circulating tracts in the armies of the Southwest."

"The South Carolina Tract Society was an earnest ally in the holy cause and sent out its share of tracts to swell the vast number, scattered like leaves of the tree of life all over the land."

"The presses in every great commercial center was busy in throwing off religious reading of every description, and yet so great was the demand that the supply was unequal to it during the whole of the war. At Richmond, Raleigh, Columbia, Charleston, Augusta, Mobile, Macon, Atlanta, and other cities, good men labored day and night to give our gallant soldiers the bread of life; and still the cry from the army was, 'Send us more good books.' At one period of the war the Baptist Board alone circulated 200,000 pages of tracts weekly, besides Testaments and hymn-books; and with the joint labors of other societies, we may estimate that when the work was at its height not less than 1,000,000 pages a week were put into the hands of our soldiers."

It may be of interest, in this connection, for Southern Baptists to recall the fact that our Baptist fathers in the faith were not only the first to respond to the call for missionaries and colporteurs in the Southern army but that Baptists sent the largest number of these special workers and expended the largest sums of money of any of the denominations in the South, the Home Mission Board alone (then located at Montgomery) sending out and supporting 137 missionaries to the soldiers. The ablest preachers among Southern Baptists—such men as the elder Dr. Lansing Burrows, Dr. Wm. E. Hatcher, Dr. Jno. A. Broadus and others—were also sent into the army camps and won thousands of the soldiers to Christ."

6. The Great Work of the Army Chaplains. There are three imperishable facts connected with the character and work of the chaplains in the Southern armies: (1) On the whole, they were men of the highest character, the noblest spirit of self-sacrifice and the most superb gifts; (2) though they were never sufficient in number, they seized their great and unique opportunity in the spirit of crusaders for Christ; and (3) more than all the other agencies, they prepared the way for the coming of the great revival and gave directions to it when it came."

It would require the space of this whole volume to recount the hardships, dangers and suffering of these heroic men of God. And who can tell the story of their labors—on the battlefield amidst the scenes of carnage and blood, in the quiet but difficult work in the camps when they preached as dying men to dying men and called the soldiers to repentance; in the hospitals where at all hours of the day and night they visited and comforted the sick and suffering and dying; in the religious and secular press where they plead for the moral and spiritual welfare of the soldiers. Many of them were slain on the battlefields; many others died of the wounds received or the exposure and hardships endured; whereas all of them labored day and night and prayed unceasingly for the coming of the great revival—among soldiers on the battlefields and in the army camps. And God looked

INSTALLATION BAPTIST TRAINING UNION OFFICERS AT BAPTIST WORKSHOP

The installation service of the Baptist Training Union was planned and directed by Vivian Landrum, the re-elected director, and was held at the Baptist Workshop. All thoughts were centered around the beautiful stained glass window, in the center of which was the Training Union emblem. As each new officer was introduced she placed on the emblem a letter. At the completion of the placing of letters the emblem contained the Training Union challenge, "Loyalty to Christ."

Officers for the coming year are:
Director—Vivian Landrum.

Enlistment Chairman—Joyce Weathersby.

Fellowship Chairman—Joyce Stricklin.

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Stewardship Chairman—Thelma Ivy Halliday.

Extension Chairman—Barbara Evans.

Publicity Chairman—Joyce Anderson.

Literature Chairman—Otera Bennett.

Music Chairman—Carolyn Sugg.

Presidents—Mary Crawford Allen, Earline Rigby, Wynifred Murphy, Margaret Lovorn, Edyth Speed, Elizabeth McWilliams.

BR SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS INSTALLED AT M. S. C. W.

The spotlight was placed on the violin in all of its component parts at the installation of the Sunday School officers of the college department of the First Baptist Church at Columbus. Anne Lewis, the re-elected superintendent, painted a vivid word picture of the important place of each Sunday School officer, as she adds her influence to the harmonious workings of this department for the coming year.

General Sunday School officers include:
Anne Lewis—Superintendent.

Mary Nell Hartzog—Enlistment Chairman.

Kathleen Mangum—Fellowship Chairman.

Elizabeth Anne Miller—Devotional Chairman.

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Edna Renfro—Assistant Statistics Chairman.

Minnie Sue Weeks—Stewardship Chairman.

Mary Frances Wilkerson—Extension Chairman.

Eleanora Hobby—Publicity Chairman.

Jewell Barber—Literature Chairman.

Kathryn Ireland—Music Chairman.

Presidents: Zula Mae O'Quin, Louise O'Brien, Bobbie Lee Loyd, Elizabeth Varnado, Anna Belle Koonen and Carolyn Sessions.

The minister asked his little girl if she liked his sermon, and she said, "No."

"Well, what did you like—the first part?"

"Yes."

"Did you like the last part?"

"Yes."

"Well, what part didn't you like?"

"Oh," said she, "there was too much middle."

upon their sacrificial labors and heard their importunate prayers and gave them an outpouring of His Spirit which was above all that they had asked or sought.

(Continued Next Week)

CHANGES AMONG CHURCHES Called and Accepted

J. N. Kimbrell, Coosawatchie, S. C.
Lee Lawler, First, Hammond, Ind.
Roland Q. Leavell, First, Tampa, Fla.
Joseph P. Licklider, Belle Baptist Church, Mo.

Hilding Lind, First, Pierre, S. D.
Earl Link, Dixon Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

W. O. Love, Hazle Park, Detroit.
B. L. McKee, Gatesville, Miss.
Thomas R. McKibbens, Stanford, Ky.
Leon Macon, First, Atmore, Ala.
Sidney Maddox, Hanson, Ky.
Aaron Mann, Wakita, Okla.
Dewey Mann, Field Secretary, Florida Convention.

W. E. Maring, Green Sea, S. C.
R. G. May, Eau Gallie, Fla.
Merrill D. Moore, Immanuel, Nashville, Tenn.

T. S. Messer, Toomsaba, Miss.
Herman A. Milner, Antioch, Rankin County, Miss.

Paul Montgomery, Evangelist, 1289 Cherokee Road, Louisville, Ky.

Fred Moseley, First, Plaquemine, La.

Marshall Nelms, Capitol Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

C. H. Parrish, First, Cordova, Tenn.
Ross Partridge, Immanuel, Cobden, Ill.

H. E. Perkins, Hico, Texas.
Robert Peterson, Gilbertsville, Ky.

Resigned

Cecil H. Franks, First, Helena, Ark.
Chas. W. Freeman, Fredonia, La.

W. M. Fuller, Ghent, Ky.
L. H. Gardner, Hampton, S. C.

John N. Garst, First, Des Moines, Iowa.

P. E. Gatlin, Mt. Rainer, M. D.
Mack M. Goss, Walhalla, S. C.

Orvall Hamman, Laclede, Mo.
G. A. Hammon, First, Butler, Mo.

G. Bartow Harris, Summerville, S. C.
C. L. Hawkins, Tarrant City, Ala.

Died

R. W. Brooks, Atmore, Ala.
H. C. Croslin, Zeigler, Ill.

T. M. Fleming, Meridian.
Wm. A. Forbes, Lewisville, Ark.

D. L. Griffith, Houston, Texas.
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THE TITHING CORNER

MY EXPERIENCE WITH TITHING

I am of the abiding conviction that tithing is one of the fundamental principles of life. God, who had the power to create human life, surely possessed the prerogative to establish the fundamental principles by which that God-given life may be guided. Tithing being one of those principles, it is very doubtful in my mind that a Christian, who fails to tithe, ever attains to the height of Christian growth which might have been reached had tithing been inculcated in his religious life.

Abraham was the first man of whom we have any record to respond to this principle by paying tithe to Melchisedec. Study his life and you will find that God gave him more in turn than he ever dared to give God. Surely, the one who purposes in his heart to pay the Lord a tithe of all is a greater master over his possessions than the one who fails and thus permits his possessions to become a master over him.

The Bible expresses in no uncertain terms God's divine approval upon the one who through faith honors God with the first fruits of his increase. Our faith is weak to that same degree that we fail to practice the teaching of God's word. He says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10. How many of us believe God strong enough to put Him to test?

My experience with tithing dates back as far as my conversion. At first I would take the tithe of my income and keep it in a separate purse until such time that I could make an offering to the cause of the Lord. I tried to make my contributions to the various causes fostered by the church. I found this method to be unsatisfactory because there was no record kept as to how much was given or to what cause it went. On October 15, 1928, I procured a note book suitable for keeping record of my tithes and amount of disbursement as well as the cause for which it went. I have used five such books and I can at any time total up the amount contributed for the past thirteen years.

I have had some great experiences tithing. Last summer a very worthy cause was brought to my attention which was in need of financial aid. I promised to help support the cause and did so last fall. Since that time a Baptist family residing in California, a family that I have never met, wrote their relatives here to know if I would accept their tithe through one of my churches. The amount which I have received from the tithing family in California has more than repaid me for the amount that I contributed to the above mentioned cause. I am providing tithe books for all my churches and suspending them from the pulpit by a cord and ask that all those who believe the promises of God and are willing to tithe their income to write their names in the little book just under my name. There are twenty names of tithers in the book at Sturgis. All phases of church work are better supported and the spirituality is more manifest now than in

former years. The Sturgis Baptist Church has recently raised my salary by twenty percent. The Lord is greatly blessing us and we are more than convinced that it pays to act upon His promises.

The Lord does not restrict His blessings to those of a material nature. There are four young preachers in training which it has been my pleasure to contact in the past and I feel may have had something to do with helping them make their decision to take such a step. There is another young man now in high school with whom I have talked and he tells me

that he is thinking very strongly of entering the ministry. All these blessings and many others which could be cited here seem to say, "I told you to prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

May I take the privilege here to commend the practice of tithing to every Christian as God's plan for financing His Kingdom and if done in the right spirit it will bring unforeseen blessings.

A. H. CHILDRESS.

"Bible Facts About Heaven," by Evangelist John R. Rice of Wheaton, Ill., is true to its title. It is an interesting book of sixty-six pages with the following chapter headings: 1. The Comfort of Heaven. 2. Heaven, A Real Place. 3. Heaven Immediately Follows Death For the Christian. 4. Christians Know Each Other in Heaven. 5. Saints in Heaven Observe Us On Earth With Complete Knowledge and Eager Interest. 6. For the Christian, "To Die Is Gain." 7. Christ Is Coming. 8. Christ is the Way to Heaven. The book sells for twenty-five cents.

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A Green Striped Tent, Or A Home! JESUS SAID — "FINISH IT"

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"Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,

Sayin, "This man began to build, and was not able to finish."

Jesus cried out from the Cross, "It is finished." John 19:30.

Jesus completed the work He came to do!—He expects the same of us!

Jesus had already said, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to **FINISH** His work." Matthew 4:34.

His people should have the **HABIT** of **FINISHING** good work before they stop!

A couple of newly-weds are buying a home. It means a rather heavy financial load, but they are happy in living in it. They look forward in joyous anticipation to the day when it will be debt-free. Then it **will be** their very own.

One day while walking the downtown business section they pause at the show window of a furniture store. On display, they see a beautiful green and white striped lawn tent. They have wanted that very thing. The price is quite high. They realize they might not be able to keep up the payments on the home and purchase the tent at the same time.

The Home! The tent! Which?

Jesus said, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God." Luke 9:62.

Mississippi Baptists started out to pay off all Bonded Indebtedness over a short period. We need a total of—\$135,980 (principal and interest) on **June 1, 1942**, to get on schedule and stay on schedule.

We look to our God, and to His people. Keep the **NOW** in **NOW CLUB!**

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